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New York buzzes with energy – its adrenaline-fueled, 24-hour lifestyle is always charged with excitement. It also offers some of the best-known shops, bars, restaurants and clubs in the world. This guide leads you to the latest and best, opening with the top choices of what to do through the year and 24/7. And here, to get you started, are New York's most unmissable sights:

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TOP CHOICES – *the year*

Whatever the season, there's always something going on in New York. Spring's arrival recharges New Yorkers, sending everyone outdoors to explore their city. Many venture to Brooklyn's Botanic Garden to witness the brief, energizing display of cherry blossoms. Summer, hot and sultry, offers the greatest number of cultural events for visitors, with outdoor concerts, parades, and neighborhood festivals, and the famous Museum Mile celebration. The metamorphosis of Central Park into a sea of bright yellow, rusty red, and mellow orange foliage heralds the Fall, when the Marathon snakes through the city's five boroughs. Winter might bring record snows one month and mild days the next. Yet not even the weather's mercurial nature can detract from the pageantry and fairytale spirit of the holidays.

SPRING

Cherry Blossoms at Brooklyn Botanic Garden

www.bbg.org; first weekend in May

Blooming on 220 trees adjacent to the world-renowned Japanese Hill and Pond Garden (Map 13 D4), the cherry blossoms are celebrated for one weekend. Traditional Japanese dances are performed, music is played, and there are origami workshops, Japanese animated films ("anime"), and samurai sword demonstrations. **May**

Tribeca Film Festival

www.tribecafilmfestival.org; late Apr–early May

Since it began in 2002, the Tribeca Film Festival has attracted hundreds of thousands of cineastes eager to view, debut, and discuss films of all scales and styles. Every year the festival attracts more attention, so check the website's booking page as early as possible if you want tickets to the hottest premieres. Everything from one of the *Star Wars* prequels to 10-minute, student-produced animated shorts have featured. The festival box office is at 20 Harrison Street between Greenwich and Hudson Streets (Map 1 C1), and events take place in venues as diverse as Prada's SoHo store. **Apr–May**

SUMMER

Outdoor Concerts

www.summerstage.org; www.celebratebrooklyn.org/celebrate

Central Park's eclectic SummerStage outdoor concert series (Map 8 E2) might host superstar DJ Paul Van Dyke one night and the New York Philharmonic the next. Meanwhile, across the East River in Prospect Park (Map 13 D5), Celebrate Brooklyn2! has more of a neighborhood flavor, with jazz, indie pop, and plenty of Latin salsa. **Jun–Aug**

Museum Mile Festival

www.museummilefestival.org; 6–9pm second Tue in Jun

For one June evening, the stretch of Fifth Avenue known as the Museum Mile (82nd to 105th Streets) closes to traffic, and its venerable art museums waive admission charges. However, three hours to do the Met or the

Guggenheim is a little tight, and it's better to simply soak up the street scene. Local artists lead art workshops, and musicians, dancers, and jugglers perform. **Jun**

Parades

Puerto Rican Day: 2nd Sun in Jun;
Gay Pride (www.hopinc.org): last Sun in Jun

The Puerto Rican Day Parade takes over Fifth Avenue from 42nd to 86th streets, and ranks among the city's largest and most festive celebrations, with over 100,000 marchers and 3 million spectators. The Gay Pride March (check website for current route) commemorates the 1969 Stonewall riots in West Village, a galvanizing moment in the Gay Pride movement. The parties and club nights built around Gay Pride are legendary. **Jun**

FALL

Feast of San Gennaro

www.sangennaro.org

Get a taste of old Little Italy during the grandest festival on the calendar for Italian New Yorkers. For 11 days, the spiritual heart of the neighborhood – Mulberry Street between Canal and East Houston streets – teems with vendors selling sausage-and-pepper, fruit ice, and Italian pastries. Processions featuring effigies of San Gennaro take place throughout the festivities. **Mid-Sep**

New York Marathon

www.ingnycmarathon.org; first Sunday of November

Attracting 35,000 athletes and over two million spectators, the marathon weaves through all five boroughs before a victor crosses the finish line. Celebrity competitors have recently included local hip-hop impresario Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, who ran modeling a mohawk – and a pack of bodyguards. Check the website for the race route map. Most spectators congregate along Central Park; head to an outer borough to get a closer look at the action. **Nov**

WINTER

Carnegie Hall & Lincoln Center Holiday Performances

www.carnegiehall.org; www.lincolncenter.org; www.nycballet.com

Come December, Carnegie Hall turns its attention to seasonal favorites, with performances by the Vienna Boys Choir and Musica Sacra. The New York City Ballet's staging of George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker* at Lincoln Center is a hallowed holiday tradition. Evening and weekend performances sell out quickly, but off-peak tickets are far more readily available. **Dec/Jan**

Restaurant Weeks

Check www.restaurantweek.com for participating restaurants and dates

What began as an effort to attract local diners to their neighborhood restaurants has evolved into one of the city's most hotly anticipated events. For selected weeks in winter (and also in summer), Manhattan's most acclaimed restaurants offer three-course, prix fixe lunch and dinner menus that rarely venture above $20 and $35 respectively. **Jan/Feb; Jun**

Hot Chocolate Festival at City Bakery

www.hot-chocolate-festival.com, throughout Feb

As if the original hot chocolate at City Bakery *(see p39)* were not cause enough for celebration, more than 20 novel varieties join the menu during February to melt away the city's winter doldrums. Visitors can perk up with a regular or espresso hot chocolate until 11am, after which the day's special is featured. Some unlikely successes include chili pepper, beer, and banana. **Feb**

TOP CHOICES – *morning*

The start to any day in the city-that-never-sleeps is filled with anticipation. Take a stroll around Manhattan in the early morning light and you may see fruit vendors setting out produce on a midtown corner, unaware of suited professionals hustling by, or Upper East Side dog-walkers, with four leashes to a hand, shepherding overeager purebreds through Central Park. Though the subways are thronged with commuters, there is a less harried side to New York mornings, offering pleasures that even many locals are oblivious to. Workers in Herald Square may never know the simple enjoyment of watching chess in Chinatown, or of sampling fresh-baked muffins at the Union Square Farmer's Market. So, take advantage of the early hours to best experience snippets of the city as it rouses itself for the day ahead.

Jog or Walk on Brooklyn Bridge

For the virtuous early riser, no activity in New York suggests "morning" so emphatically as a jog across Brooklyn Bridge. To best appreciate the early rays, take the A or C train to High Street/Brooklyn Bridge, and walk or run with the commuter traffic toward Lower Manhattan. The sun glows pink against the bridge's arches and gradually illuminates the city's towering columns of glass, steel, and stone. Below, the East River shimmers gold.

Wall Street at the Start of Trading

The New York Stock Exchange, founded in 1792, is America's most hallowed temple of money-making. At around 9:15am, just before the opening bell tolls at 11 Wall Street, glimpse traders scurrying between the granite columns of the Broad Street entrance. Watching their hustle might give you an appetite, so grab a fortifying muffin and coffee from Dean & DeLuca Café at Borders (100 Broadway at Pine St). *(See also p160.)*

Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

50th Street and 5th Avenue (Map 6 E1)

Even for travelers who have seen Europe's most dazzling Gothic cathedrals, St. Patrick's is still an awesome spectacle. It is the country's largest Gothic church – at 405 ft (123 m) long and with spires reaching skyward some 330 ft (100 m). Every Sunday, the cathedral fills with hundreds of parishioners and visitors for Mass. Should you not wish to participate directly in the service, watch proceedings from a pew near the Fifth Avenue entrance.

The Early Boat to Liberty Island

Ferry: www.statueoflibertyferry.com

Statue of Liberty: www.statuereservations.com

After nearly three years of closure following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Statue of Liberty reopened to the public. Once again, visitors can experience the sweeping panorama of New York Harbor from the feet of Lady Liberty. It is, of course, a perennially popular attraction, but you can avoid the heaviest crowds by catching the 8:30am Circle Line ferry from Battery Park's Castle Clinton (ticket windows open at 8:30am).

Union Square Farmer's Market

E. 17th St. and Bdwy (Map 3 D1), 8–6 Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat; www.cenyc.org

For four days each week, the lot adjoining Union Square West fills with farmers from the region, eager to show off and sell the season's bounty. Besides the unmatched quality of the produce, the market provides a direct link between growers and consumers.

Brunch in the West Village

Paris Commune, 99 Bank Street (at Greenwich St), (Map 3 A3); Deborah, 43 Carmine Street (between Bedford & Bleecker Sts), (Map 3 C4); Florent, 69 Gansevoort Street ***(see p38)***

Around 10am, on virtually every West Village block, slate signs spring up outside the neighborhood's bistros, proclaiming "Brunch!" in bright pastel chalk. At the most

popular restaurants, you may have to queue for a table, but with mimosas, juices, and Bloody Marys often included free of charge, the value and quality of a West Village brunch is worth the wait. Try the French toast at Paris Commune, the fluffy, vegetable-studded omelets at cozy Deborah, or the old favorite Florent.

Dress Racks in the Garment District

The grit and pace of workaday New York is on vibrant display in this historic district. Roughly bounded north and south by 34th and 40th Streets, and east and west by 9th and 7th Avenues, the Garment District hosts a colorful fashion show every morning as clothing and fabric wholesalers of Hasidic Jewish, West Indian, Pakistani, Chinese, and Indian backgrounds push bulging dress racks from delivery trucks to storefronts. Buy a bagel and coffee from a vendor's cart, and try to avoid encounters between dress-rack wheels and your toes.

Pastries at Dean & DeLuca

560 Broadway (at Prince St.), ***(see p65)***

The nation's pre-eminent purveyor of gourmet groceries traces its origin to the corner of Broadway and Prince Street, in the heart of SoHo. Morning customers can find formidable temptations among Dean & DeLuca's renowned pastries and cakes, as well as superior coffee and fine teas. The in-house grocer selects muffins, Danishes, doughnuts, and scones from the city's top bakeries, so customers can choose from a cross-section of the best baked goods leaving New York ovens. With commuters in mind, drinks are sold to go.

A Stroll through Columbus Park

Mei Lai Wah Coffeeshop, 64 Bayard Street (between Mott & Elizabeth Sts), (Map 2 E1)

Over 100 years ago, this pleasant Chinatown park was the heart of the violent Little Five Points neighborhood, dramatically depicted in Martin Scorcese's film *Gangs of New York*. Though times have clearly changed, tempers do still flare when elderly Chinese men battle it out over chessboards at the park's many picnic tables. Close to the park's gates, palm readers and cobblers solicit business from Chinese-speaking passersby. Buy a roast pork bun and coffee from the Mei Lai Wah Coffeeshop, and take in the charming scene.

Dim Sum in Chinatown

Golden Unicorn ***(see p25)*****; HSF, 46 Bowery (between Bayard & Canal Sts), (Map 2 E1)**

Be it a fishmonger tying crab claws shut or a woman weighing a sack of lychees, Chinatown offers a feast for the eyes. And during late morning, the feast moves into the neighborhood's grand dim sum dining rooms. Steaming carts filled with roast pork buns, lotus leaf-wrapped rice, dumplings, and dessert custards circulate between communal tables. Indicate to the server which plates you want (most servers speak very little English, so pointing is acceptable). Two of the best dim-sum restaurants are Golden Unicorn and HSF.

TOP CHOICES – *afternoon*

New York hits its stride in the afternoon. Save for the nightclubs and a few bars and restaurants, the entire city is open for business and the shopping streets are at their most bustling. Of course, even commerce takes a lunch break, and, when it does, there is no better place to be on a sunny day than midtown's picturesque Bryant Park. Here, in one of the city's most treasured green spaces, you can enjoy unrivaled people-watching. If you're feeling energetic after lunch, you might opt for a walk or bike ride through Central Park, art gallery browsing in Chelsea, or some retail therapy in SoHo's chic boutiques. Afternoons are for taking things at your own pace, even if that means simply sipping an espresso and reading a first-edition classic in a cozy armchair.

Boutique-Browsing in SoHo

Moss *(see p64)*; Chanel, 139 Spring St. (at Wooster St.), (Map 3 D5); Helmut Lang *(see p62)*; Dolce & Gabbana, 434 West Broadway (at Prince St.), (Map 3 D4)

Stray from the big, brash emporiums on Broadway's SoHo stretch and you'll be rewarded by designer boutiques on the quaint side streets. Fans of sleek, modernist furnishings should stop at Moss; for European fashion, Chanel, Helmut Lang, and Dolce & Gabbana.

Gallery-Hopping in Chelsea

Pace Wildenstein, 534 W. 25th St.; Mary Boone Gallery, 541 W. 24th St.; Gagosian Chelsea, 555 W. 24th St. (All between 10th & 11th Aves, all Map 5 D5)

Chelsea has some of the world's most prestigious commercial art galleries, including Pace Wildenstein and Mary Boone, who has built on her success with 1980s art stars Julian Schnabel and Jean-Michel Basquiat. Larry Gagosian, one of the biggest international dealers, with galleries in Beverly Hills and London, has hotly anticipated exhibitions at his Chelsea outpost. *(See also p96.)*

Open-Air Swimming

Astoria, 19th Street & 23rd Drive, Queens; Hamilton Fish Pool, 128 Pitt Street (at E. Houston St.), Manhattan (Map 4 G4); www.nycgovparks.org

Many New Yorkers are not aware that the city's park service maintains over 20 outdoor swimming pools, let alone that the facilities are free of charge. This inexplicable oversight by the locals is the visitor's gain, however. Of all the city's pools, the jewel in the crown is the Astoria in Queens (use the Astoria Boulevard stop on the N or W subway trains). This giant of a pool hosted the U.S. team's swimming trials for the 1936 Olympics. Areas are sectioned off for lap swimming or for general use. In Manhattan, check out the Hamilton Fish Pool in Alphabet City, which has pleasant shady areas around the pool. Note that there is no admittance without proper bathing attire, and you need a padlock for your locker.

An Invigorating Massage

Graceful Services, 2nd Floor, 1097 2nd Avenue (between 57th & 58th Sts), (Map 8 G5), 212 593 9904; www.gracefulservices.com

Should sightseeing leave your muscles tight and achy, Graceful Services holds the remedy: deep tissue massage, practised according to the age-old techniques of the East. Bereft of rose petals, scented candles, and other frivolous spa accoutrements, the private rooms at Graceful Services appear somewhat clinical. But as your blocked chi, or life energy, is released by the deft hands of a licensed masseur, you will not want for more. It's popular with midtown workers and diplomats from the nearby U.N. headquarters, so you'll need to book.

Biking & Boating in Central Park

Loeb Boat House (between 74th & 75th Sts), (Map 8 E2), 212 517 2233; www.centralparknyc.org; open 10am–5:30pm, roads closed to vehicular traffic 10am–3pm, 7pm–7am Mon–Fri, 7pm Fri–7am Mon

Comprising 843 acres of ponds, meadows, hills, and woods, Central Park is an urban oasis like no other, but its sheer scale presents a challenge for those with limited time. You can hire a bicycle and helmet by the hour at the Loeb Boat House. Note that cycling teams practice in the park, and etiquette requires recreational riders to move toward the curb to let them pass. Alternatively, take to the water in a rowing boat or gondola.

Picnicking at Bryant Park

42nd Street (Map 6 E2), www.bryantpark.org

At the first sign of fair weather, beautifully maintained Bryant Park transforms into an alfresco lunch room for hundreds of midtown professionals. Furniture is plentiful, and the public restrooms are very clean. There's also a "reading room" where visitors can borrow current issues of popular magazines, while music and dance performances take place on the grass. Above all, the park is a prime spot for people-watching. Buy a sandwich at Pret a Manger (11 W. 42nd St. at 5th Ave.), sit and indulge.

Reading a Book

Housing Works Used Book Café, 126 Crosby Street (between Prince & W. Houston Sts), (Map 3 D4), 212 334 3324; www.housingworksubc.com

Browse books, sip cappuccino, nibble cookies, and support a good cause – all at the same time. Housing Works provides job training, health care, and housing advocacy for the city's homeless who have HIV and AIDS, via profits from its used books and coffee. This bookstore-café, housed in a former warehouse, has high ceilings, mahogany paneling, and spiral staircases. Make your purchases, find a comfortable armchair, and while away the afternoon with an out-of-print classic.

Markets and Shops of East Harlem

East 116th Street between Park & 3rd Aves (Map 12 F5)

Spanish Harlem was populated almost entirely by Puerto Rican New Yorkers until the 1980s, but now it also has many Mexican, Chinese, and other Caribbean residents. On East 116th Street, the waft from a Mexican bakery is just as likely to seize your attention as the candles burning inside a Haitian *santería* (shop selling mystical goods), or the elderly Dominican gentleman pushing his tropical fruit ice cart and shouting out the day's flavors in Spanish. Score authentic Mexican sweets and restorative *horchata* drinks at Don Paco López Panadería (2129 3rd Ave. at 116th St.).

A Tour of Penn Station

4th Mon of every month; meet at 34th St. Tourist Info Kiosk, Penn Station Rotunda 12:30pm (Map 5 D4), 212 719 3434

New York lost a treasure when this Neo-Classical station was destroyed by thoughtless planners in 1964. However, traces of the 1910 structure do survive, and well-informed guides illuminate these details, and describe the grandeur that was lost.

TOP CHOICES – *evening*

Evening's arrival might signal the end of the working day, but to board the homebound train immediately after leaving the office is an alien concept for most New Yorkers. With so many happy-hour specials at the city's myriad bars, a dining scene unmatched in its diversity and quality, free cultural events, and top-quality sports games, it is not difficult to understand the reluctance to go straight home. Such choice can be overwhelming, even for locals – should you be racked with indecision, concentrate on the area below 14th Street, where Manhattan's restaurants and bars are most densely packed. It never hurts to call ahead and reserve a table for dinner, especially on weekends. But, unless you plan to dine at the most exclusive restaurants *(see pp22–3 & 38)*, getting a table on the day is usually easy.

"Vicious" Cocktails at the Algonquin

59 W. 44th Street (between 5th & 6th Aves), (Map 6 E2), www.algonquinhotel.com

In the 1920s, when the acerbic Dorothy Parker wrote for *Vanity Fair*, she would meet with other writers (including novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald) for cocktails and gossip at the Algonquin Hotel. Their group was known as the Vicious Circle, as no celebrity was spared their sharp tongues. Soak up the atmosphere in the Blue Bar, with its witty cartoons by *New Yorker* vet Al Hirschfeld.

Museum Deals

Museum of Modern Art *(see p101)*; Jewish Museum *(see p105)*; Guggenheim *(see p104)*; Whitney *(see p101)*; BMA *(see p108)*

Several museums operate a "pay what you wish" policy in the evening: the Museum of Modern Art (4–8pm Fri); the Jewish Museum (5–8pm Thu); the Guggenheim

(6–8pm Fri); and the Whitney (6–9pm Fri). At the Brooklyn Museum of Art, admissions are waived all day (until 11pm) on the first Saturday of the month, when bands, dance troupes, and a cash bar create a party atmosphere.

Latin American and Yiddish Theater Peformances

El Repertorio Español, 138 E. 27th St. (between Lexington & 3rd Aves), (Map 6 F4), www.repertorio.org; Folksbiene Yiddish Theater at the Manhattan JCC, 334 Amsterdam Avenue (at 76th St.), (Map 7 B1), www.folksbiene.org

El Repertorio Español stages productions adapted from Spanish literature as well as original pieces by emerging Latin playwrights. Performances are in Spanish, with simultaneous translation through headphones. The Folksbiene's repertory stages productions in Yiddish with English supertitles that are heavy on songs and slapstick humor.

A Sunset Ferry to Staten Island

Whitehall Ferry Terminal (Map 2 E5), www.siferry.com

Sunset adds ambience to an already spectacular ferry trip across the Hudson River. The free 25-minute journey offers views of Lower Manhattan's skyscrapers and bridges, plus Liberty, Ellis and Governor's islands. Ferries depart every 15 to 20 minutes (5–8pm).

Shooting Pool

SoHo Billiards, 298 Mulberry Street (at E. Houston St.), (Map 4 E4); Fat Cat Billiards, 75 Christopher Street (between Bleecker & W 4th Sts), (Map 3 B3)

A pool player's pool hall, SoHo Billiards dispenses with the brass fixtures and high polish of uptown parlors and

simply provides 20 pool tables in excellent condition, and reasonable hourly rates. It doesn't have a bar though – if you want a beer with your Eight-ball, head over to the subterranean world of Fat Cat.

Happy Hour at McSorley's

15 East 7th Street *(see p142)*

Around 5pm on weekday evenings, a mix of intellectuals, edgy East Village types, and hard-drinking regulars congregate at this old bar for discounted rounds of ales. More convivial than on busy weekends, weeknight happy hours allow you to relax at a communal wood table, or press the bartender for obscure McSorley's history.

Catch the Knicks at Madison Square Garden

2 Pennsylvania Plaza (Map 6 E5), 212 465 5867, www.nba.com

Although the Knicks are one of the most popular basketball teams, visitors to Madison Square Garden can nearly always obtain tickets – even when the game is officially sold out. The Garden box office withholds the release of hundreds of tickets until game day, so spontaneous travelers with a sudden desire to scream in unison with a 20,000-strong crowd should phone the ticket line or go down to the box office. Check the team's website for occasional discount-ticket promotions.

Poetry Slams in the East Village

Nuyorican Poets Café, 236 East 3rd Street *(see p119)*

The Nuyorican Poets Café was founded in 1973 with the specific aim of providing a forum for Puerto Rican-New Yorker writers – a group that included poet and award-winning playwright Miguel Piñero. The intimate space has a much wider remit these days, and is renowned for its raucous, informal poetry-recital competitions – known as

"slams" – and collaborations between musicians and vocal artists. Performances often blur the line between hip-hop lyricism and spoken-word poetry. Respected hip-hop personalities Mos Def, Company Flow, and Rahzel occasionally stop by for impromptu sessions.

Outdoor Movies in Bryant Park

Map 6 E2, www.bryantpark.org

Enchanting at any time of the day *(see also p15)*, Bryant Park acquires a communal, festive mood on warm summer evenings. Every Monday throughout July and August, the Park organizes free screenings of classic movies on the lawn, which begin as soon as the sun sets – with luck, you might see it dip below the horizon while gazing down West 40th Street. Go early, take a picnic meal, and enjoy the show. Also during summer, jazz musicians play free concerts by the park's terrace; most performances have a groovy, Latin flair.

The View from Top of the Tower

Top of the Tower @ Beekman Tower Hotel *(see p172)*

This cocktail lounge and restaurant offers some of the best seating in New York to watch the spectacle of the city's buildings lighting up at night. Book a window terrace table (off the main room), and ideally arrive at dusk to enjoy the subtle transformation of the skyline. Once night has fallen, you can turn your attention to the well-mixed cocktails and menu of American cuisine.

TOP CHOICES – *night*

On weekends in Chelsea and the East and West Villages, and spilling over into adjacent neighborhoods, sidewalks teem with as many pedestrians at 2am as at 8pm. New York, in this regard, feels more akin to European cultural capitals than to any other American urban center. The pulsing nightclubs of New York attract the world's top DJs, lured instinctively to the city that nurtured jazz in its infancy and gave birth to hip-hop and rap. The city is also famous for producing sharp-witted comedians, who supply laughs nightly in the many comedy clubs. It is difficult not to love such a place, even if you prefer more subdued diversions, such as ogling New York's incomparable skyline from the top of its most fabled building, or swapping stories with friends over a few glasses of wine at Rhône.

Stargazing at the Hayden Sphere

Rose Center for Earth and Space, American Museum of Natural History (Map 7 C1), 212 769 5200, www.amnh.org/rose

Housed in a glass box, the 87-ft (27-m) diameter Hayden Sphere is the world's largest virtual reality simulator. Its striking form, luminescent at night, has endeared it to New Yorkers since the Rose Center opened in 2000. Come on a Friday, when it stays open until 8:45pm, for a mesmeric journey through the cosmos.

Improv at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre

307 W. 26th St. (at 8th Ave.), (Map 5 C5), www.ucbtheatre.com

New York's boldest, most irreverent comedians ply their trade on this Chelsea stage. Any given night sees performances by sketch and improvisational comedy troupes, plus stand-up comics. Tuesday's "Harold Night," which generally offers the most reliable laughs of the week, pits the city's best improv comedy acts against each other.

Nighttime Views from the Roof of New York

Empire State Building Observatory (Map 6 E3), 212 736 3100, www.esbnyc.com (last elevator up at 11:15pm)

On a clear night, the scene from the 86th floor of the Empire State Building is breathtakingly beautiful. Southward views show the Flatiron Building cleaving downtown traffic into two luminous veins: one bound for further travel down Fifth Avenue, the other for Broadway. Around you are the twinkling icons of the Art Deco era *(see p99)*, including the Chrysler, Chanin, and General Electric buildings. No visit to the city is complete without this experience. Book online to save time.

Bar-Hopping in East Village

If you're in the mood for a sleek, intimate wine bar, an authentic Irish pub, a hard-rocking dive, or any combination thereof, make the East Village your destination. Second Avenue has the neighborhood's greatest concentration of bars, and high-quality drinks and diversions abound off this principal nightlife thoroughfare. The scene below St. Mark's Place is fun, but can become rowdy after midnight. Try Swift *(see p142)* for traditional Irish cheer and well-drawn pints. Bar Veloce *(see p144)* is good for reasonably priced Italian wines. Should you find yourself craving cheap beer, loud rock and 1970s living-room kitsch, then put Welcome to the Johnson's *(see p140)* on your itinerary.

Wine-Sipping at Rhône

63 Gansevoort Street (between Greenwich & Washington Sts), *(see p148)*

Following a long day at the office, New York's stylish set migrates to this cavernous wine bar in the Meatpacking District. Rhône is a reflection of everything the area has become: pricey, chic, and trend-setting. It has a lofty ceiling, painstakingly modern furnishings, and mammoth windows. The knowledgeable bartenders can assist you in choosing one of the 30 reds available by the glass.

A Midnight Movie at the Sunshine Cinema

143 East Houston Street (between 1st & 2nd Aves), (Map 4 E4), 212 330 8182, www.landmarktheatres.com

Each weekend brings a different cult classic for a midnight screening at this immaculately restored, late 19th-century former vaudeville theater. Favorites include Mel Brooks's *Blazing Saddles* (1974), while Steven Spielberg's *The Goonies* (1985) is popular with NYU students hooked on 1980s nostalgia. Some audience members even arrive in costume and shout out classic lines with the film.

Music on the River

Barge Music, Fulton Ferry Landing, Brooklyn *(see p130)*

Ships on the East River, when sounding their baritone airhorns, impart a salty maritime character to the city. But could they share the river air with, of all things, the dulcet harmonies of chamber music? Barge Music, docked at the eastern end of Brooklyn Bridge, believes so. This gorgeously renovated barge provides the city's most rarified environment for hearing classical music. And for a backdrop, the 125-seat auditorium has the entire glittering spectacle of nighttime Manhattan.

Club-Hopping in Chelsea

Style is paramount in Chelsea – a neighborhood of design studios, art galleries, and architecture firms. And where aesthetically minded people work, nightclubs tend to follow. Witness Avalon *(see p149)*, a world-class dance club housed in a former church. Spirit *(p150)* is unrelenting in its pursuit of sensory stimulation: multiple rooms offer a panoply of sounds, light shows, and performance arts. Hiro *(p150)* feels like a modern speakeasy hiding in the bowels of an exclusive Tokyo hotel, while Roxy *(p149)* caters to the most colorful clubbers in the city.

Jazz at the Village Vanguard

Village Vanguard, 178 7th Avenue South *(see p116)*

The Vanguard inspires almost religious levels of veneration, and a glance at the roster since it was founded in 1935 explains why. Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Dizzy Gillespie, and Wynton Marsalis have all performed (and sometimes recorded albums) in this intimate West Village space. The award-winning Vanguard Jazz Orchestra plays on Mondays; saxophone master Joe Lovano and jazz-rock fusion artists The Bad Plus are other regulars.

Late-Night Quick Bites

New York caters well to nocturnal appetites. Wherever there is a large concentration of bars, there is also a choice of eateries that are open late. The East Village has the Turkish cafeteria Bereket *(see p27)*, the inexpensive Yaffa Cafe *(p30)*, and the bright, historic Ukrainian café Veselka *(see p223)*, which prepares a wondrous borscht. West Village night owls congregate outside Joe's Pizza *(see p222)* for some of the best slices in Manhattan.

restaurants

New York is one of the world's finest cities for dining out, whether you aspire to a table at one of the most fashionable restaurants, or simply want to pick up something cheap and tasty from a café or from a street vendor. Myriad restaurants cover every cuisine imaginable, the food served up on anything from banana leaves to porcelain plates. The following pages provide a snapshot of NY's dining scene.

HOT TABLES

Babbo
110 Waverly Place
One of celebrated Italian chef Mario Batali's first restaurants – tables here need to be booked at least two weeks in advance. ***(See p34)***

66
241 Church Street
The combination of Chinese fusion cuisine, sleek furnishings, killer cocktails, and a fashionable crowd makes 66 a hot Tribeca ticket. ***(See p24)***

Atlantic Grill
1341 3rd Avenue
This seafood restaurant is a perennial favorite with discerning Upper East Siders. Book in advance or be prepared to wait. ***(See p48)***

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ROMANTIC SETTINGS

New Leaf Café
Fort Tryon Park
Beautiful Fort Tryon Park provides a delightful backdrop – take a stroll before settling into the café. ***(See p51)***

i Trulli
122 East 27th Street
Excellent Italian cuisine enhanced by first-rate Chianti. Cozy up by the fire in winter; enjoy the garden in summer. ***(See p42)***

The River Café
1 Water Street
The ultimate mix of top-quality cuisine and divine views of the Manhattan skyline, rising up from the East River. ***(See p52)***

WORLD CUISINES

Aquavit
13 West 54th Street
Succulent herrings, seafood stews, and other Scandinavian delectables are served in an atrium with its own running waterfall. ***(See p45)***

Tomoe Sushi
172 Thompson Street
New Yorkers are prepared to line up outside this small, simple space in order to sample ultra-fresh and tender sushi. ***(See p33)***

Tamarind
41–3 East 22nd Street
Here you'll find spices and Indian flavors with an individual twist, as in Tamarind's signature tandoori scallops. ***(See p41)***

Sobaya
229 East 9th Street
Noodles in broth never tasted so good as at this hip East Village Japanese dining room. There's a great range of sake too. ***(See p32)***

SWEET TOOTH

Mezzaluna
1295 3rd Avenue
The pasta and brick-oven-baked pizza may be delicious, but the tiramisu is *divine* in this Upper East Side Italian joint. ***(See p47)***

Ouest
2315 Broadway
Ouest's generous helpings of panna cotta are heavenly – so long as you have room after meat loaf or braised lamb shank. ***(See p49)***

Balthazar
80 Spring Street
Balthazar is known throughout town for brunches and sweet pastries. The home-made donuts are perfect for dipping into a coffee. ***(See p25)***

Remember that tipping the waitstaff is* de rigueur *in New York, regardless of whether the service is great or indifferent – the accepted rate is 15–20%.

Tartine
253 West 11th Street
This bijoux West Village bistro has a tempting array of fresh fruit tarts and mousses. It also does a wonderful crème brûlée. ***(See p38)***

DINERS

Paul's Palace
131 2nd Avenue
Monstrous hamburgers, fries, and milkshakes team up well with the salty personalities of Paul's endearingly gruff waitresses. ***(See p31)***

Relish
225 Wythe Avenue, Brooklyn
This Williamsburg destination serves robust, inventive American bistro cuisine in a classic diner setting. ***(See p55)***

2nd Avenue Deli
156 2nd Avenue
More than 50 years of tradition go into huge sandwiches, thick soups, smoked fish, and other Jewish classics. ***(See p33)***

BARGAIN BITES

NY Dosas
West 4th Street & Sullivan Street
A vendor cart in Washington Square is renowned for sublime South Indian crêpes filled with finely spiced vegetables. ***(See p37)***

Daily Chow
2 East 2nd Street
Creative pan-Asian bites include marinated chicken skewers, Mongolian barbecue bowls, and luscious, exotic fruit juices. ***(See p30)***

Joya
215 Court Street, Brooklyn
Joya's ultra-modern, hip dining room belies a menu rich in absurdly affordable, delicious Thai standards. ***(See p52)***

Sandwich Planet
534 9th Avenue
A tiny shop that scores with almost limitless combinations of fillings, and fresh breads. ***(See p43)***

66 *Chinese with a twist*

1 D1

241 Church Street (at Leonard St.) • 212 925 0202
www.jean-georges.com
Open lunch & dinner daily (to midnight Mon–Thu, to 1am Fri & Sat, to 10:30 Sun)

A restaurant in the empire of prestigiously gifted chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten, 66 has a chic, minimalist interior, immersed in shades of white, silver grays, and black. The lofty space, with a view to the kitchen above a row of fish tanks, attracts style slaves and foodies alike. Dishes draw on Chinese influences, and are produced with the customary Jean-Georges flair – specialties include Peking duck, the 66 sesame noodles, sweet and sour two-flavored shrimp, steamed cod, Vietnamese coffee-flavored sorbet, and five-spice vanilla ice cream. The evening is when 66 is at its liveliest best – if you haven't reserved, imaginative cocktails ease the wait for a table. Lunch is cheaper, with a reasonable prix-fixe menu. The check is accompanied by light, green-tea fortune cookies. **Expensive**

Montrachet *quality food and wine*

1 D1

239 West Broadway (between Walker & White Sts)
• 212 219 2777
www.myriadrestaurantgroup.com Open dinner only Mon–Thu & Sat, lunch & dinner Fri

This has one of the best cellars in the country, a wine selection to match its *haute cuisine,* and a sommelier to advise without a trace of condescension. The dining space is relaxed and comfortable. **Expensive**

Acappella *gourmets and grappa*

1 C2

1 Hudson Street (at Chambers St.) • 212 240 0163
Open lunch & dinner Mon–Fri, dinner only Sat

This ever-popular New York haunt produces deliciously authentic northern Italian food. Along with seasonal variations, the menu boasts well-prepared lamb and fish as well as some superb pasta and pesto dishes. And the indulgent waitstaff provide free grappa in the elegant dining room. **Expensive**

Peking Duck House *perfect poultry*

2 E1

28 Mott Street (between Pell St. & Chatham Sq.) • 212 227 1810
Open all day from 11:30 daily

Chinatown's bustle carries into this restaurant on busy nights, and the Peking duck leaves little wonder why: crisp skin and succulent meat are served with sliced cucumber, scallions, and tangy-sweet sauce. Service can be brusque, and other dishes are fairly standard, but the bird is transcendent. **Moderate**

Golden Unicorn *a beacon in Chinatown*

2 F1

18 East Broadway (at Catherine St.) • 212 941 0911
Open all day daily; dim sum 9am–3:30pm

Deep in Chinatown lies this shrine to the indulgent Cantonese tradition of dim sum. Late on Sunday mornings, the 1,000 seats of a pleasantly appointed dining room fill with families eager to sample petite plates of shrimp dumplings, roast pork buns, and sweet egg custards. Dinner is a quieter affair. **Cheap**

Balthazar *timeless brasserie*

3 D5

80 Spring Street (between Broadway & Crosby St.) • 212 965 1785
www.balthazarny.com Open lunch & dinner daily (to 1am Mon–Thu, to 2am Fri & Sat, to midnight Sun)

Parisian in style, Balthazar has retained its popularity through consistently good bistro fare. The menu changes throughout the day , catering for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and through to after hours. Sublime desserts, and weekend brunch is a winner. **Moderate**

Mercer Kitchen *hip French/American*

3 D5

99 Prince Street (at Mercer St.) • 212 966 5454
www.jean-georges.com Open breakfast, lunch, & dinner daily

The Mercer is all about keeping things simple and chic. The SoHo location attracts the trendsetters; the menu attracts the foodies. Its setting is casual, with tables, banquettes, and bar seating surrounding an open-plan kitchen. **Moderate**

L'Ecole *gastronomy defined*

3 D5

462 Broadway (at Grand St.) • 212 219 3300
www.frenchculinary.com/lecole
Open lunch & dinner Mon–Fri, dinner only Sat

A restaurant that ticks all the right boxes: set in a prime location, it has a bright, airy interior with huge windows, serves excellent food, and offers bargain prices. L'Ecole is indeed a school, and the students of the French Culinary Institute use the patrons as their willing guinea pigs. It's a wonderful arrangement – diners indulge in three-, four-, and five-course meals without having to sell off the family silver, while students have a chance to hone their skills. You can order à la carte, but the prix fixe is excellent value. These students are potentially star chefs, and the menu reflects that ambition by offering dishes rooted in both traditional and contemporary French cuisine. Creations such as poached sole with shrimp and mussels in a cider cream sauce, eggplant and red pepper terrine, and tea flan served with madeleines demonstrate the challenging nature of the cooking. If you prefer simpler fare, omelet with shoestring potatoes won't disappoint. Even the delectable bread is made on the premises. The menu changes every six weeks.

You'll be hard-pressed elsewhere to find such a winning combination of bright atmosphere and first-rate cooking at these prices. **Cheap**

Jane *creative American fare*

3 D4

100 West Houston Street (between Thompson St. & La Guardia Pl.) • 212 254 7000
www.janerestaurant.com Open all day from 11:30 (11 Sun)

Jane takes the food you may already know and adds special touches, subtly reinventing but not disguising the main ingredients. Meat and salmon burgers reign supreme, though the juicy fruit-purée cocktails give them a run for their money. **Moderate**

Cafe Gitane *North African spices*

4 E4

242 Mott Street (at Prince St.) • 212 334 9552
Open all day from 9 daily

French/North African offerings such as fragrant cous cous and spicy mergüez sausages draw the area's fashionable youth. In summer, the sidewalk tables are hotter commodities than the designer sandals in the neighboring boutiques, but the cozy dining room holds plenty of charm too. **Cheap**

Cafe Habana *Cuban/Mexican café*

4 E4

17 Prince Street (at Elizabeth St.) • 212 625 2001
Open all day from 9 daily

Flavorful specialties from this bustling corner café inspire devotion among Nolita's beautiful people, who eye one another over delicious Cuban pork sandwiches, huevos rancheros, and corn on the cob. Quench your thirst with a *chelada*: Mexican lager with lime juice and salt. **Cheap**

Bereket *late-night Turkish belly-filler*

4 F4

187 East Houston Street (at Orchard St.) • 212 475 7700
Open 24 hours daily

Rare is the downtown resident who, after a night of barhopping, hasn't relished the succulent lamb shawarma sandwich, fresh hummus or tangy, stuffed vine leaves at this East Houston institution. For what is essentially a Turkish fast-food restaurant, Bereket offers surprisingly subtle, authentic eats. **Cheap**

The Elephant *French/Thai fusion*

4 F4

58 East 1st Street (between 1st & 2nd Sts) • 212 505 7739
www.elephantrestaurant.com
Open lunch & dinner daily

Reds and golds dominate the whimsical, evocatively lit dining room, where couples sip luscious Elephant Martinis – vodka, cassis, and pineapple. Don't miss Sticky Rice – chicken and pork steamed with rice and vegetables in lotus leaf wrapping. **Moderate**

For a listing of restaurants by cuisine, see pp220–23

'inoteca *great small plates*

4 F4

98 Rivington Street (at Ludlow St.) • 212 614 0473
Open breakfast, lunch, & dinner daily

A happening corner wine bar/restaurant, 'inoteca is perfect for a few glasses while you munch on a selection of snacks, known as "small plates." These include cheeses, a generous helping of sliced meats, panini, and salads. Weather permitting, you can sit outside for high-caliber people-watching. **Moderate**

WD-50 *adventurous American*

4 G4

50 Clinton Street (between Rivington & Stanton Sts) • 212 477 2900
www.wd-50.com Open dinner daily

Chef Wylie Dufresne built his reputation on taking risks, and you can try some of his delicious experiments in this simple, clean restaurant. Rabbit sausage with avocado or lamb with hibiscus-date purée are typical attention-grabbers. **Expensive**

Cube 63 *unique sushi in a stylish setting*

4 G4

63 Clinton Street (between Rivington & Stanton Sts) • 212 228 6751
www.cube63.com Open lunch & dinner Mon–Sat

Having worked in top sushi kitchens, brothers Ken and Ben Lau bring priceless expertise into their sleek restaurant. Mellow light illuminates the sushi counter, while young professionals share *omakase*: a sampler platter of wildly creative rolls. **Moderate**

Alias *deceiving appearance; convincing menu*

4 G4

76 Clinton Street (at Rivington St.) • 212 505 5011
Open dinner daily (to 11 Mon–Thu, to 11:30 Fri & Sat, to 10 Sun)

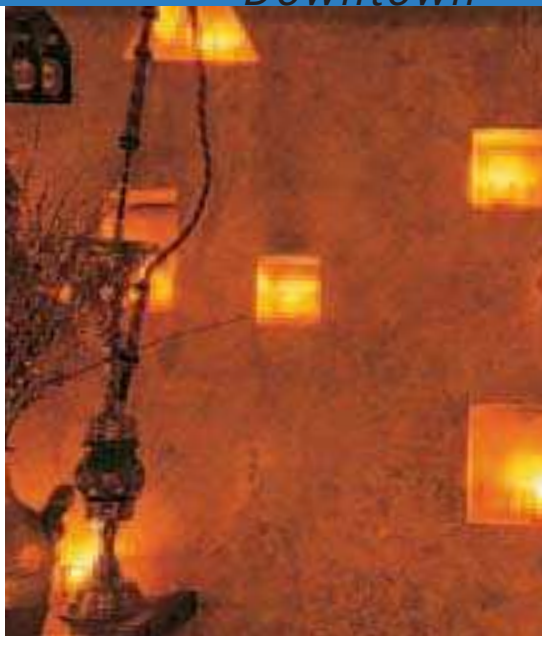
Don't let the kitsch signage mislead you; there's no spam on the menu. Alias serves imaginative dishes, including lamb spare ribs, duck confit, and candied avocado. It's one of the places that has made the Lower East Side a destination for eclectic dining. The prix fixe Sunday menu is a bargain. **Moderate**

Le Souk *North African dining*

4 G3

47 Avenue B (between 3rd & 4th Sts) • 212 777 5454
www.lesoukny.com Open dinner daily

With the arrival of trendy restaurants, boutiques, and bars in recent years, Alphabet City (easternmost part of the East Village) has seen its profile rise considerably. But the neighborhood conceals some of its best assets behind a gritty urban cloak. Le Souk is a fine example of this – a fantastic North African restaurant that, externally, does little to distinguish itself from the surrounding neighborhood grocers and bars. An unassuming shell, however, belies a sultan's treasure trove of African textures, tones, and delicacies within. Fashionable groups dine shoulder to shoulder on plush banquettes, while the adjacent bar area has low, Moorish tables, floor pillows, and softly lit iron lanterns. Meze plates serve as a prelude to the arrival of ceramic tajines filled with aromatic cous cous, tangy mergüez sausages, and garlicky mussels. After 9pm, belly dancers gyrate between the tables. **Moderate**



Bao 111 *modern design meets Vietnamese food*

4 G3

111 Avenue C (between 7th & 8th Sts) • 212 254 7773
www.bao111.com Open dinner daily

Architect/chef Michael Huynh prepares brilliant Vietnamese cuisine in this sleek space of his own design. Diners – many of them artists and fashion models – rest on crimson banquettes sipping fragrant *pho* soup or browsing Bao's eclectic dessert menu. Black sesame ice cream, anyone? **Cheap**

Le Tableau *French/Mediterranean cuisine*

4 F3

511 East 5th Street (between Aves A & B) • 212 260 1333
www.letableaunyc.com Open dinner daily

Wonderful French food in a button-sized hot spot. The menu changes often, but the produce is consistently flavorful, with dishes such as pork loin with maple yam purée, gorgonzola, and porto reduction. Try the early evening prix-fixe three-course menu for super savings. **Moderate**

Pylos *taverna in Alphabet City*

4 F3

128 East 7th Street (between 1st & A Aves) • 212 473 0220
www.pylosrestaurant.com
Open dinner Mon–Sun, brunch Wed–Sun

Many worlds lie within eight blocks of the 2nd Avenue subway station: the Orthodox Jewish Lower East Side, Ukrainian East Village, and Chinatown, for example. Most surprising of all, however, is the spirit of the Aegean that hides amid Alphabet City's hard-rocking bars. Pylos is a handsome Greek taverna, with stucco walls, blue shutters, and earthenware jugs hanging from the beams. Gastronomes from all over the city worship the *dolmathes* (stuffed vine leaves) here. Another popular dish is *arnaki yiovetsi* – stewed lamb chunks redolent of clove, oregano, and tomato, served on toothsome *orzo* grains. Knowledgeable staff help you navigate the encyclopedic Greek wine list. Save room for the *galaktobaureko* – these flaky, custard-filled phyllo triangles covered in warm honey are perhaps Pylos's greatest temptation. **Moderate**

Yaffa Cafe *pita stop*

4 F3

97 St. Mark's Place (between 1st & A Aves) • 212 674 9302
Open 24 hours daily

Day and night, punk rockers and poets flock to this offbeat eatery on St. Mark's. After last call at the neighborhood's bars, Yaffa's leafy, festively-lit back patio fills with hungry revelers eager to curb their impending hangovers with home-made pita, hummus, and other tasty Middle Eastern fare. **Cheap**

Daily Chow *casual pan-Asian dining*

4 E3

2 East 2nd Street (at Bowery) • 212 254 7887
Open dinner daily

Smart dining areas and huge windows overlooking the Bowery ensure that there's not a bad seat in the house. The decor has a subtle Polynesian theme, while the menu stretches from the Pacific to mainland Asia. Luscious coconut-flecked chicken skewers and creamy Thai iced coffee make fantastic starters. **Cheap**

Paul's Palace *huge hamburgers* 4 E3

131 2nd Avenue (at St. Mark's Pl.) • 212 529 3033
Open all day daily

The quintessential American hamburger experience. From the linoleum countertop and checkerboard tablecloths, to the cheeky burger descriptions posted above the well-seasoned grill, Paul's is a greasy charmer. Go in for peerless 1/2 pound burgers and extra thick milkshakes. **Cheap**

Mermaid Inn *seafood, New England style* 4 E3

96 2nd Avenue (between 5th & 6th Sts) • 212 674 5870
www.themermaidnyc.com Open dinner daily

With its framed nautical charts, ship diagrams, cabin lamps, and rustic tables, this classic fish house would seem more suited to the Maine Coast. But the modern rock soundtrack and style-conscious local clientele anchor the proceedings in urban bohemia. When restaurant mogul Jimmy Bradley unveiled this oddity on edgy Second Avenue in 2003, it was an instant hit.

The inn is extremely popular, and you'll generally have to wait for your table at the weekend. This is when the seafood bar comes into its own, providing Nova Scotia oysters on the half shell. Once seated, you can continue with roasted mussels or feather-light clam fritters before considering the mains. Depending on the season, these might range from classic grilled salmon through tender pan-fried skate wing to the popular lobster salad sandwich. Complimentary cups of lemon pudding cap the meal. **Moderate**

Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea

New York's plentiful "coffee shops" are great for cheap food and people-watching, but, ironically, not for coffee. For a real, European-style coffee, you need to seek out the city's best cafés. For excellent cappuccinos, go to **Via Quadronno** *(see p221)*, and if you want to pick up a quick espresso, stop at the orange mobile **Mud Truck** (on Union Square) or the **Mud Spot** (permanently parked on 9th St.). **Joe** *(see p220)*, in the West Village, also does great coffee.

The **Palm Court at the Plaza Hotel** serves a formal afternoon tea. **Tea & Sympathy** is cozy and casual, offering freshly made scones and perfectly brewed tea in mismatched china. **Lady Mendl's Tea Room** is rather upmarket, but their scones are divine. *(For all, see p222.)* For something funkier, try **Teany** *(see p70)*.

For a full list of recommended cafés, see pp220–21; *for tearooms,* see p222

Angelica Kitchen *incredible vegetables*

4 E2

300 East 12th Street (between 1st & 2nd Aves) • 212 228 2909
Open all day daily

A vegan pioneer since 1976, Angelica earns high marks for cooking with extremely fresh ingredients grown using sustainable methods. This would be reason enough to lure environmentally-aware citizens to the charming, Tuscan farmhouse-inspired dining room. Yet Angelica's greatest asset is perhaps the chef's ability to coax dazzling flavors out of the most basic ingredients. Omnivores will be hard-pressed to note the absence of cream in a rich butternut squash soup, or bemoan the missing corned beef in a warm tempeh (a soybean preparation) Reuben sandwich.

Vegan approximations of American classics are on the menu alongside such exotica as *hiziki* and *kombu* (Japanese seaweeds), and *daikon* (a root), which bolster the Kinpira salad. Service is friendly and, should you be ignorant of the virtues of *edame* (salted soybeans), refreshingly non-condescending. **Cheap**

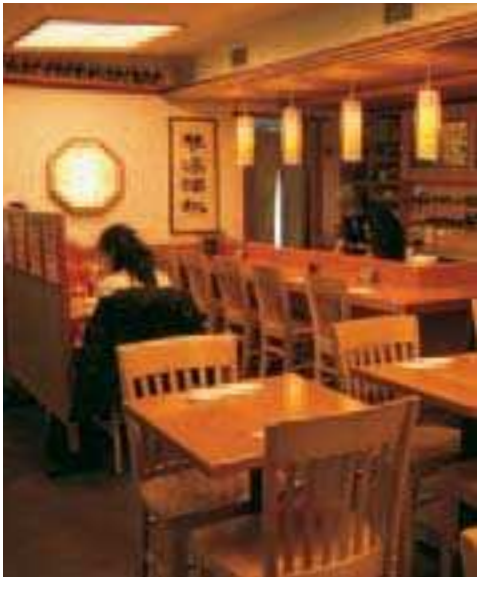
Sobaya *noodle seduction*

4 E2

229 East 9th Street (between 2nd & 3rd Aves) • 212 533 6966
Open lunch & dinner daily

The menu explains that soba buckwheat noodles contain vitamins and protein, and are especially good to eat after drinking alcohol. Well, if that doesn't explain the crowds, then it must be the authentic Japanese flavors. Big bowls of stomach-pleasing noodle soup are the main focus, served with fresh scallions and your choice of extras, such as vegetables, duck, tempura, and yam. Appetizers include fried mushroom with shrimp paste, spinach with sesame sauce, and selected sushi-style dishes. A comprehensive sake menu offers a guide to the level of fullness and flavor of each type.

The decor is typically Japanese in its simplicity and sense of order. The friendly waitstaff are generally hip Japanese transplants sporting navy samurai bandanas on their heads. **Cheap–Moderate**



2nd Avenue Deli *kosher delicatessen* 4 E2

156 2nd Avenue (at 10th St.) • 212 677 0606
www.2ndavedeli.com Open 7am–midnight

King of Manhattan's Jewish-style delis, 2nd Avenue has been stuffing New York bellies with towering pastrami sandwiches, hearty matzo ball soup, and complimentary pickled vegetables since 1954. It's always crowded, but lines move surprisingly fast. Tables are communal. **Moderate**

Blue Ribbon Sushi *the freshest fish* 3 C4

119 Sullivan Street (between Prince & Spring Sts) • 212 343 0404
Open noon–2am daily

Like its West Village brother *(see below)*, the SoHo outpost of Blue Ribbon obsesses over the freshness of ingredients. Here, the main ingredient is raw fish. Try sitting at the sushi counter rather than the popular back room for faster service. **Moderate**

Blue Ribbon Bakery *Old World delights* 3 C4

33 Downing Street (at Bedford St.) • 212 337 0404
Open lunchtime to 2am daily (to midnight Sun)

Inside this cozy space, Village sophisticates crowd windowside tables for European indulgences such as foie gras, antipasti, and crusty home-made breads. Ask to be seated downstairs in the wine cellar-like space where diners can watch freshly baked breads come out of the oven. **Moderate**

Tomoe Sushi *Japanese-style delectables* 3 C4

172 Thompson Street (between Bleecker & Houston Sts) • 212 777 9346
Open all day Wed–Sat, dinner Mon (cash or Amex only)

Tomoe presents New Yorkers with some of the freshest fish in the city. That is why, despite a lack of atmosphere in this small sushi joint, people will line up for as much as an hour, just to get a taste of the "real thing." The wait is worth it. **Moderate**

Otto Enoteca & Pizzeria *huge snacks* 3 D3

No. 1 5th Avenue (at 8th St.) • 212 995 9559
www.ottopizzeria.com Open all day daily

Throngs gather nightly to taste celebrity chef Mario Batali's hearty Italian snack foods. The thin pizzas are grilled (not baked) and topped with a diverse range of ingredients – anything from meatballs to fried duck eggs. Save room for the unique, savory *gelati* (ice creams) and *sorbetti*. **Moderate**

La Palapa Rockola *authentic Mexican* 3 C3

359 6th Avenue (at Washington Pl.) • 212 243 6870
www.lapalapa.com Open all day daily

This place debunks the myth that New York lacks credible Mexican cuisine. The interior evokes Mexico's colonial heartland and cinematic Golden Age, providing a festive backdrop for the robust dishes. Pair fish tacos with a frosty Negra Modelo beer and say "Hola" to heaven. **Moderate**

Babbo *the sophistication of northern Italy* 3 C3

110 Waverly Place (between MacDougal St. & 6th Ave.) • 212 777 0303
www.babbonyc.com Open dinner daily

Babbo's reputation as one of New York's top Italian restaurants is due to the quality of its menu, devised by Mario Batali *(see also Otto, above)*. You will need to reserve early or ask about last-minute cancellations.

If your party agrees on a pricier meal, try the culinary adventure of either the traditional or pasta tasting menus. However, the main menu, offering dishes such as beef cheek ravioli and fennel-dusted sweetbreads, is also daring and justly lauded. Take time to peruse the wine menu or discuss the options with the knowledgable sommelier. The Italian selections are extensive and expertly chosen.

Despite the price tag, there's no need to dress up – the converted carriage house, with elegant floral arrangements, provides the panache. You just have to leave room for a dessert and *digestivo*. **Expensive**

John's of Bleecker Street *profound pizza*

3 C3

278 Bleecker Street (between 6th & 7th Aves) • 212 243 1680
www.johnsofbleeckerstreet.com
Open lunch & dinner daily (to 1am Fri & Sat) (cash only)

In this city, pizzeria comparisons are a hot topic and frequently dissolve into shouting matches. Even politicians dare not state their position on pizza, for fear of alienating potential voters. Out of the din, however, one name emerges that inspires more emotion than any other: John's of Bleecker Street.

John's likes to shout about its time-honored credentials: "Est. 1929" is writ large in white letters on its burgundy awning, and rapturous restaurant reviews are plastered to the window. For some New Yorkers, who believe a great pizzeria should be unknown to all but the savviest subway riders, John's very accessibility and fame are sufficient reasons to eliminate it from any discussion of the city's best. Yet free from that illogical mindset, visitors to John's are in for a supremely satisfying meal.

The restaurant's popularity means that weekend lunch and dinner lines extend to the next storefront, but they move quickly. Once you're inside and seated at a weathered wooden booth, your olfactory nerves will soon react to the unmistakable, heady waft of garlic and romano cheese. To quiet your stomach, start with fresh antipasti and a frosty Peroni lager.

Purists should then opt for the basic cheese and tomato pie, fresh from John's coal-fired oven. What they will be presented with is a thin, smoky, lightly charred crust covered with a bright, slightly acidic sauce, full-cream mozzarella and vibrant spices. Non-purists can choose from garlicky meatballs and other tempting home-made toppings. Once you've chomped your way through a pie, you'll be able to establish your own position in a debate on New York's explosive topic. **Cheap**

Cones *superior ices*

3 C3

272 Bleecker Street (between Morton & Jones Sts)

• **212 414 1795** Open 1–11 Sun–Thu, 1–1 Fri & Sat (cash only)

What compels a man to drive two hours from Upstate New York to the Village with an empty portable freezer plugged into his car's dash, only to drive straight home again after filling it? Simply this: hand-packed quarts of the best ice cream in the state. True story.

Looking at Cones, there is little to indicate what might stir such passion. It's a tidy parlor, with a few tables and photos of unremarkable sundaes on the walls. But the real show is in the freezer: 32 steel bins brimming with kaleidoscopically colored creams and sorbets, in the tradition of authentic Italian *gelaterias*. *Dulce de leche* and coffee mocha are deliciously rich, whereas tangy fruit sorbets and dairy-free ices present a lighter antidote to the summer swelter. This is why Cones' acclaim stretches from New York to its owners' native Argentina. Still undecided? Brothers Raul and Oscar readily offer tastings. **Cheap**

BB Sandwich Bar *cheesesteak perfected*

3 C3

120 West 3rd Street (between 6th Ave. & Macdougal St.)

• **212 473 7500** Open 10:30–10 daily

Gary Thompson claims he prepares the best cheesesteak in the city, and the length of the lunch line at his small, upstairs sandwich counter confirms this is no mere boast. Thinly sliced steak is placed on a puffy Kaiser roll, then topped with marinated onions, spicy tomato relish and white American cheese. **Cheap**

Food on the Hoof

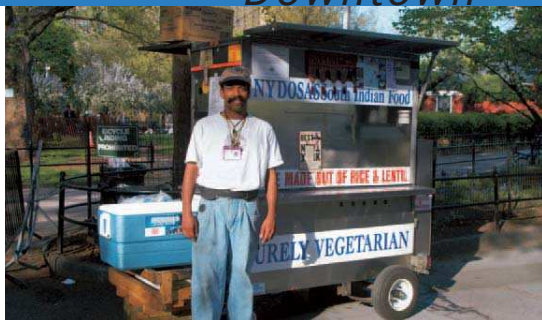
Many downtown snack stops cater to people with bite-sized budgets and a desire to keep moving. Irresistible pork and vegetarian wontons can be had in the Lower East Side's **Fried Dumpling**. West Villagers swear by **Mamoun's** fresh, crispy falafel and tangy hummus, and **Pepe Rosso's** bright, delicious Italian specialties. Eat them while watching life's rich pageant in Washington Square Park. For late-night barhoppers, **Crif Dogs** offers sustenance in the form of Chihuahua hot dogs (wrapped in bacon and topped with avocado and sour cream). Or draw a barrage of envious glances on Second Avenue with a paper funnel full of fries from **Pommes Frites**, topped with any of their 25 tasty sauces. For all addresses, *see pp210–11*.

NY Dosas *cheap veggie manna*

3 C3

West 4th Street & Sullivan Street • 917 710 2092
Open 11–5 Mon–Sat

Even on blustery winter days, NYU students line up at this vending cart at the southwest corner of Washington Square for heavenly vegetarian dosas. The south Indian crêpes are filled with root vegetables, chickpeas, and spices, resulting in something far too delicate to be classified merely as "street food." **Cheap**



Mary's Fish Camp *chowder heaven*

3 B3

64 Charles Street (at West 4th St.) • 646 486 2185
»www.marysfishcamp.com
Open lunch & dinner Mon–Sat

Mary's seafood chowder, and lobster and clam rolls are equal to the best of any New England oceanside restaurant. Add to this the atmosphere of rustic charm, and you see why customers are lured to this tiny space, if necessary waiting outside for tables. **Moderate**

Wallsé *august Austrian fare*

3 A3

344 West 11th Street (at Washington St.) • 212 352 2300
»www.wallse.com Open dinner Mon–Sun, brunch Sat–Sun

Opened by chef Kurt Gutenbrunner in 2000, Wallsé has developed a devoted following. The two-room restaurant has a restful feel, with white linen tablecloths, pale walls, and carefully chosen art work. Many of the clientele are regulars, giving the place an easy-going West Village vibe.

In accordance with Austria's gastronomic traditions, Gutenbrunner produces richly flavored dishes. Besides his famed Wiener schnitzel, other notable dishes include beef goulash with herbed *spaetzle* (a noodle side dish), apple strudel, and *rosti* (a potato and onion side dish) with lobster.

Wallsé also attracts a die-hard band of smokers too, due to its policy of lending all puffing customers beautifully tailored, bright red capes to wear during their stint outside in the cool night air. **Expensive**

» *Wallsé's sister establishment, Café Sabarsky at 86th and 5th Avenue, serves excellent coffee and cakes*

Florent *24/7 camp*

3 A2

69 Gansevoort Street (between Greenwich & Washington Sts)
• 212 989 5779
www.restaurantflorent.com Open 24 hours daily (cash only)

There's no better place than this for *moules frites* at 3am. Florent also offers great home-made soups and a superb weekend brunch. The clientele ranges from daytime workers to outrageously dressed clubbers. Changing messages over the bar will amuse. **Moderate**

Sumile *great fish – raw and cooked*

3 C2

154 West 13th Street (between 6th & 7th Aves)
• 212 989 7699
www.sumile.com Open dinner daily

A chic Japanese joint. Chef Josh DeChellis creates innovative dishes, such as tea-smoked eel and black sesame paste with raspberries. The cocktails are fruity and fun, and the menu changes seasonally. There's not a grain of rice in the house! **Expensive**

Tartine *bijou bistro*

3 B2

253 West 11th Street (at W. 4th St.) • 212 229 2611
Open lunch & dinner Tue–Sat,
brunch Sat & Sun, (cash only)

On a prime corner location that's great for people-watching, Tartine serves consistently delicious light French fare. Croissants are super-buttery, the savory tarts are divine, and the weekend brunch is one of the best deals in town. There's a BYOB policy. **Cheap**

Dining Institutions

Whether for food, tradition, location, or ambience, some classic restaurants in New York just can't be ignored. **Nobu** is renowned for celebrity-spotting and the chef's tasting menu of creative sushi. **The Four Seasons** has been serving Continental cuisine to those with deep pockets since 1959. The space was designed by Mies van der Rohe and Philip Johnson and features Lichtenstein lithographs. **Chanterelle** in Tribeca has been offering classic French and innovative Franco-American cuisine since 1979. For a more casual feel, with first-rate food to boot, **Gramercy Tavern** is another favorite, serving New American cuisine in relaxed surroundings. Finally, **Tavern on the Green** does great brunches. For individual restaurant details, *see pp220–22*.

City Bakery *pastries & chocolate*

3 C1

3 West 18th Street (between 5th & 6th Aves) • 212 366 1414
Open 7am–7:30pm Mon–Sat, 9–5:30 Sun

City Bakery leaves every customer contented. Its salad bar is arguably New York's best, and it also has a huge selection of flaky breakfast pastries, tarts, and decadent tortes. Linger over one of their superb hot chocolates – irresistible with a big home-made marshmallow floating in the froth. **Cheap**

Union Square Café *NY favorite*

3 D1

21 East 16th Street (between 5th Ave. & Union Sq. West) • 212 243 4020
Open lunch Mon–Sat and dinner daily

Rated as one of New York's favorite restaurants, USC delivers New American cuisine in a relaxed ambience, augmented by fresh flowers and a spacious feel. Always crowded, reserve a table early or try for a space at the bar. Go for the daily specials. **Expensive**

Red Cat *creative cuisine in a funky place*

5 B5

227 10th Avenue (between 23rd & 24th Sts) • 212 242 1122
» www.theredcat.com
Open dinner daily

Red Cat's funky decor, fabulous food, and seamless service round off perfectly an afternoon spent gallery-hopping. Creative dishes might include chicken with sugarplum and sweet onion sauce, or risotto fritters with blueberry compote. **Moderate**

Grand Sichuan International *bad decor, great food*

5 C5

229 9th Avenue (at 24th St.) • 212 620 5200
Open all day daily

In style-obsessed Chelsea, this rarity attracts a loyal crowd on the merits of its food alone. For while the decor is stark, the Chinese cuisine is excellent. Try whole fried fish, garlicky sautéed spinach, and addictive pork and vegetable dumplings. **Cheap**

Biltmore Room *plush atmosphere*

5 C5

290 8th Avenue (between 24th & 25th Sts) • 212 807 0111
www.thebiltmoreroom.com Open dinner daily

An entrance through thick velvet curtains adds an air of exclusivity to the Biltmore Room. Beyond the threshold lies a swanky bar and stylish dining room. The bar has its own scene, and people often come just to sip signature cocktails such as the Gin Blossom (infused with basil and combined with elderflower syrup). In the dining area – a mixture of gentlemen's-club tradition and something far more chic – chandeliers hang from the high ceiling and mirrors amplify the grandeur. Subtle lighting and funky music create a warm mood, and orchids add color.

The attentive staff serve dishes with Asian and Middle Eastern influences, including Algerian spiced lamb, miso-marinated Alaskan cod, and giant prawns wrapped in crispy noodles with avocado and tomato salad and mango salsa. The warm chocolate tart is not to be missed. **Expensive**

Bolo *more than paella*

6 E5

23 East 22nd Street (between Broadway & Park Ave. S.) • 212 228 2200
www.bolorestaurant.com Open lunch Mon–Fri, dinner daily

Bolo creates modern interpretations of some of the best traditional Spanish dishes. The menu features inventive tapas, black squid ink risotto, and egg tortilla with goat cheese. There's a bar, and the atmosphere is upbeat. Good lunch deals. **Expensive**

Tabla *Indian fusion*

6 E5

11 Madison Avenue (at 25th St.) • 212 889 0667
Open lunch Mon–Fri, dinner daily

Fusing New American and Indian cuisine, Tabla presents dishes such as Goan spiced crab cake and tandoori breads using inventive flavors. A striking staircase divides the colorful formal upstairs dining room from the downstairs Bread Bar, which offers a less formal, slightly cheaper dining option. **Expensive**

Tamarind *epicurean spices*

6 F5

41–3 East 22nd Street (between Broadway & Park Ave. S.)
• 212 674 7400
www.tamarinde22.com Open lunch & dinner daily

Large glass windows, an unfussy modern interior, and cut flowers on each table set the tone. Tamarind has earned several prestigious culinary accolades, and its two proud owners are often seen milling about with diners, basking in positive feedback, no doubt. Such openness also extends to the kitchens, which are surrounded by glass, so you can watch the food being prepared without getting a noseful of every dish.

House specialties include a signature dish of tandoori scallops presented in a fried potato lattice cup, *bhagerey baignan* (eggplant with coconut, sesame, and peanut sauce), Tamarind's chutneys, and a home-made cheese. Lamb and lobster feature prominently on the menu too. The Tearoom offers sandwiches, a vast array of teas, and desserts in a more casual, intimate environment. **Moderate**

Dos Caminos *trendy Mexican*

6 F5

373 Park Avenue South (between 26th & 27th Sts)
• 212 294 1000
www.brguestrestaurants.com Open lunch & dinner Mon–Fri, brunch & dinner Sat & Sun

Popular with young professionals, this large restaurant and bar is a vibrant place for margaritas and great Mexican fare. The famed guacamole is prepared at your table, so you can dictate the spice factor. **Moderate**

Blue Smoke *upscale American barbecue*

6 F4

116 East 27th Street (between Park & Lexington Aves)
• 212 447 7733
www.bluesmoke.com Open lunch & dinner daily

Chef Ken Callaghan smokes spareribs, beef brisket, organic chicken, and sausages over hickory and apple woods, keeping meats flavorful and succulent. The modern dining room fills with boisterous Manhattanites nightly. Excellent beer selection. Live jazz. **Moderate**

i Trulli *wine & pasta in a warm atmosphere* 6 F4

122 East 27th Street (between Lexington & Park Ave. S.)
• 212 481 7372
»www.itrulli.com Open lunch & dinner Mon–Fri, dinner Sat

i Trulli's delectable cuisine is true to its roots, which lie in the Italian region of Puglia. Specialties here include the *panelle* (chickpea fritters with goat cheese) and home-made pastas. Try a "flight of wine" (three to taste), and sample cheeses and meats. **Expensive**

Mandoo Bar *Top-notch Korean cooking* 6 E4

2 West 32nd Street (between Broadway & 5th Ave.)
• 212 279 3075
»www.mandoobar.com Open all day daily

Cooks bustle about preparing plump little *mandoo* – delicate dumplings stuffed with vegetables, fish, or meat. The salads and seafood dishes are also superb. Avoid weekday lunchtimes when this informal place is packed with local business people. **Cheap**

Artisanal *cheese, please* 6 F4

2 Park Avenue (entrance on 32nd Street) • 212 725 8585
»www.artisanalcheese.com Open all day daily (brunch served 11–3 Sat & Sun)

The revived tradition of fondue-sharing creates a social buzz in the high-ceilinged dining room of this bistro and fromagerie. Various fondues are available, prepared with different cheeses, herbs, and oil infusions. Some are traditional recipes, others experimental. Cheese is also the focus of salads, and appetizers such as a three-cheese onion soup. A tarte tatin in a cheddar crust continues the theme into dessert. There are non-cheese selections – *cassoulet* (bean stew), or chicken roasted "under the brick" – but choose at least one course devoted to the star ingredient.

A requisite cheese plate takes on new meaning as the *fromagier* guides you through 200-plus selections. You can also order a "cheese and wine flight" at the bar (three choices of each), and, of course, buy cheese from the shop. **Moderate**

Cho Dang Gol *Korean creations* 6 E3

55 West 35th Street (between 5th & 6th Aves) • 212 695 8222
Open all day daily

Located in the heart of "Koreatown," this establishment is unusual in catering equally to meat-eaters, vegans, and vegetarians. The authentic yet accessible dishes form a perfect introduction to Korean cuisine.

Gop dol bim bab is a good one to try. With this, a heated stone bowl is filled with rice, vegetables (or meat), broth, spicy red paste, and an egg. You mix the ingredients and let some of the rice crisp at the bottom. You can also expect to receive the *ban chan* – little plates of appetizers that come with any meal and include *kim chi* (spicy pickled cabbage).

Cho Dang Gol is also known for its superb leek pancakes and melt-in-your-mouth tofu (bean curd), which is made on the premises, as is an alcoholic drink called Makkuli. The dishes vary in spiciness – ask the waitstaff for guidance if necessary. The lunchtime specials are great deals. **Cheap**

Sandwich Planet *sliced bread sensation* 5 C2

534 9th Avenue (between 39th & 40th Sts) • 212 273 9768
www.sandwichplanet.com Open 10:30–8:30 daily

Despite its closet-like dimensions, this pitstop offers a seemingly limitless choice of custom-made sandwiches. Should one of the five tables be available, linger over a signature creation like the Armani: thin prosciutto, fresh mozzarella, artichoke hearts, and rocket pressed between toasted foccacia. **Cheap**

Mi Nidito *surprisingly good Mexican* 5 C1

852 8th Avenue (between 51st & 52nd Sts) • 212 265 0022
Open all day daily

With its gaudy signage hawking dozens of margarita varieties, this unassuming Hell's Kitchen eatery is not the most obvious place to find some of the city's best Mexican food. But the roasted chicken is irresistible – crisp, succulent, and studded with garlic – and the mango margaritas justify all the hoopla. **Moderate**

Smoking is illegal in all public places; some restaurants provide a separate smoking room

Churrascaria Plataforma *Brazilian BBQ* 5 C1

316 West 49th Street (between 8th & 9th Aves)
• 212 245 0505
»www.churrascariaplataforma.com Open all day daily

Catering mainly to a post-theater crowd, this Brazilian *churrascaria* is a novel and lively fixed-price barbecue. Guests are led to tables in the capacious, elegant dining room and each given a round disk – one face red, the other green. After trips to the salad bar, the crowd settles in for the impending meat extravaganza.

Display the disk's green side and gracious servers approach, wielding skewers of top-quality roasted meats – sirloin steaks, sausages, prime rib, chicken, and baby lamb chops – and fish such as salmon. When your plate is full, flip the disk to red. When you've emptied it, flip again to green, and repeat the performance until your belly attains the desired level of distension. Plataforma's perfect *caipirinha* is a refreshing, albeit potent, palette cleanser of cachaça rum, sugar, and mint over cracked ice. **Expensive**

Genki Sushi *sushi on the roll* 6 E1

9 East 46th Street (between 5th & Madison Aves)
• 212 983 5018
Open lunch and dinner to 8:30 Mon–Fri, to 5 Sat

A conveyor belt stocked with midtown's freshest fish revolves through the colorful dining area. Take your pick from plates (color-coded according to price) of assembled rolls and succulent sashimi. Lunchtimes are busy, so come early evening if you can. **Cheap**

Ess-a-Bagel *classic snacks* 6 F1

831 3rd Avenue (at 51st St.) • 212 980 1010
»www.ess-a-bagel.com Open 6:30am–9pm daily (to 5 Sun)

This spacious midtown bagel shop bakes arguably the city's best example of the dense, rotund breakfast bread. Feel free to linger over any of 14 bagel varieties, coupled with award-winning whitefish salad, Nova Scotia smoked salmon, eggplant salad, or a classic spread of cream cheese. **Cheap**

Acqua Pazza *fresh pasta, seafood & fish* 8 E5

36 West 52nd Street (between 5th & 6th Aves) • 212 582 6900
www.acquapazzanyc.com
Open lunch & dinner Mon–Fri, dinner only Sat

Acqua Pazza – "crazy water" – belies its name with serious Italian food. Octopus, crab, and whole baked fish are typical items on the menu. Pasta infused with espresso is an unusual dish, harking back to the days when coffee was used as a preservative. **Expensive**

Aquavit *Swedish sensation* 8 F5

65 East 55th Street (between Park & Madison Aves) • 212 307 7311
www.aquavit.org
Open lunch Mon–Fri, dinner daily, brunch Sun

Swedish chef Marcus Samuelsson, who won a prestigious "Best Chef in New York City" award in 2003, has taken the Scandinavian cuisine at this restaurant to new levels of gastronomic genius. It's not cheap, but worth the price, especially if you sit in the main dining room, which is in an atrium that features an indoor waterfall.

The eponymous aquavit is a potent Scandinavian spirit, double distilled, with flavors added in the second distillation. This and glasses of Carlsberg beer are served alongside house specialties such as herrings. Other favorites include seafood stew in a delicious dill sauce, brioche-wrapped salmon, and Kobe beef ravioli. The restaurant also prepares a beguiling gravlax and tandoori smoked salmon.

Three tasting menus, including a vegetarian option, offer seven-course "Aquavit Bite" meals. Another way to sample many of these flavors at a little less expense is to eat upstairs in the Aquavit Café. The café's kitchen is separate from the restaurant's, but both are overseen by the executive chef. However, Swedish meatballs are available only in the café.

Several house-made and unusual aquavits are available; flavors may include black pepper and vanilla, and pear and cloudberry. **Expensive**

Marcus Samuelsson also oversees the AQ Café at Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue, near 37th Street

Town *sophistication & pizzazz*

8 E5

Chambers Hotel, 15 West 56th Street (between 5th & 6th Aves) • 212 582 4445
www.townnyc.com Open breakfast, lunch & dinner daily, brunch Sun

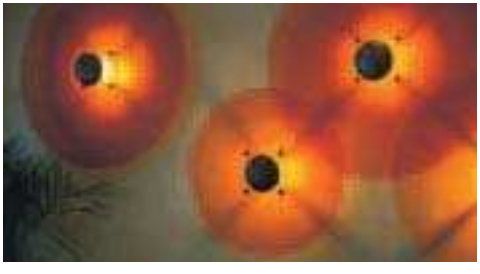
A fashionable restaurant with a fanciful interior and a creative Euro-American cuisine. The menu changes seasonally, but signature dishes include, in summer, soft-shell crab. **Expensive**

Norma's *a perfect start to the day*

7 D5

At Le Parker Meridien Hotel, 118 West 57th St (between 6th & 7th Aves) • 212 708 7460
www.parkermeridien.com/normas
Open breakfast & lunch daily

Norma's is a swish place, offering one of the most luxurious breakfasts in town: freshly squeezed juice, mango and papaya with cinnamon crêpes, mammoth omelets, and French brioche toast. **Moderate**



Geisha *stylish Japanese-American joint*

8 E4

33 East 61st Street (between Park & Madison Aves) • 212 813 1112 Open lunch & dinner Mon–Sat

Don your best black outfit and blend in with the crowd sipping cocktails while waiting for tables. The menu focuses on seafood with Japanese flavors, such as lobster served with asparagus and mushroom *udon* noodles. Downstairs is hip and fun; upstairs is a bit more subdued. There's a sushi bar too. **Expensive**

Diner Etiquette

Diners – known as "coffee shops" within New York City limits – are part of the quintessential NY experience. They are social levelers, where a poor poet and a business mogul can rub elbows at the counter over omelets. Diner food is comfort food – all-day breakfast fare, including eggs any style, as well as burgers, French fries, and grilled cheese sandwiches. Prices don't dictate the quality of a diner; location, longevity, menu, and staff do. Your server should be courteous, but don't get offended if he/she rushes you during a busy period when tables need to be turned over. Coffee is rarely strong but should always be limitless. Kitchen lingo is part of the tradition: eggs are "sunny-side up" or "(easy) over"; rye toast is placed "whiskey down."

Serendipity 3 *American staples*

8 F4

225 East 60th Street (between 2nd & 3rd Aves) • 212 838 3531
www.serendipity3.com Open lunch & dinner daily

A favorite with Upper East Side families, Serendipity 3 is loved for its mammoth portions of American comfort food. The chicken pot pies, juicy burgers, thick soups, and bright salads are, however, mere preambles to dessert: the frozen hot chocolate surely ranks among New York's finest creations. **Cheap**

March *quiet elegance, gourmet food*

8 H4

405 East 58th Street (between 1st Ave. & Sutton Pl.) • 212 754 6272
www.marchrestaurant.com Open dinner daily

Superbly presented food in a renovated townhouse. The gourmet food has a wide range of influences, but there's a discernible Asian accent in the use of raw fish, soy, sesame, and dishes such as shrimp tempura. Outdoor tables from May to October. **Expensive**

Mezzaluna *heart-melting tiramisu*

8 F2

1295 3rd Avenue (between 74th & 75th Sts) • 212 535 9600
Open lunch & dinner daily (cash or Amex only)

A lively and intimate spot for northern Italian cuisine, Mezzaluna excels in freshly made pastas, fish dishes, and brick-oven-baked pizzas. The creamy, light tiramisu is one of the best you'll find in New York. Artistic depictions of half-moons *(mezzaluna)* adorn the walls. Staff are very friendly. **Moderate**

Annie's *hearty brunches*

8 F1

1381 3rd Avenue (between 78th & 79th Sts) • 212 327 4853
Open lunch and dinner daily (to midnight Fri & Sat)

An excellent Sunday brunch (served until 4pm) packs young families into this warm, classic New York bistro. Wicked Bloody Marys and generous portions are *de rigueur*; omelets could accommodate two appetites. Annie's is also a pancake lover's dream: wholewheat, apple, banana, mixed berry... take your pick. **Cheap**

Atlantic Grill *fresh fish, fresh atmosphere* 8 F1

1341 3rd Avenue (between 76th & 77th Sts) • 212 988 9200
»www.brguestrestaurants.com
Open lunch & dinner Mon–Sat, brunch & dinner Sun

To please the finicky Upper East Side inhabitants, food, service, and atmosphere have to be of a high order in any establishment here. So the long-standing popularity of the Atlantic Grill attests to its culinary credentials. The restaurant excels at well-prepared, very fresh fish, accompanied by a good wine list, and waitstaff who are both competent and efficient.

A sense of refined informality pervades the spacious dining area, spread throughout two rooms. Additional sidewalk seating is available when weather permits. Specialties include oysters, crabcakes, lightly fried sesame-crusted lobster roll, and barbecued *mahi mahi* (a particularly succulent, slightly sweet fish). There are also daily specials, and you can order small plates from a sushi bar. Book ahead to reserve a table or be prepared to wait – it's worth it. **Moderate**

Candle 79 *fine meat-free dining* 8 F1

154 East 79th Street (between Lexington & 3rd Aves) • 212 537 7179
»www.candlecafe.com Open lunch & dinner daily

An upscale restaurant offering wonderful vegetarian and vegan masterpieces, Candle 79 pushes the limit of what you might expect from a meatless menu. Many a dedicated carnivore is won over by the flavors and textures experienced here. Inventive dishes include squash and wild mushroom risotto, and porcini-crusted *seitan* (a meaty wheat protein concoction) with garlicky greens and a wild mushroom red wine sauce.

In addition to organic wine, sake, and beer, the list of non-alcoholic juices and tonics is heavenly. Options such as an elderberry extract with apple and lemon, and an orange juice, coconut, and banana smoothie are divine. The less formal, sister business, Candle Café (1307 3rd Avenue at 75th St; 212 472 0970), also offers creative green food (tasty salads, wraps, and soups) and has a juice bar at the front. **Moderate**

Sushi of Gari *inspiring sushi*

8 G1

402 East 78th Street (between 1st & York Aves)
• 212 517 5340
Open dinner Tue–Sun

The tasting menu at this small, simply decorated treasure enables innovative sushi chef Masatoshi Gari Sugio and his staff to demonstrate their mastery over fish and seafood. An à-la-carte menu is available, but allow the chefs to surprise and delight. **Expensive**

Ouest *first-rate New American fare*

9 B5

2315 Broadway (between 83rd & 84th Sts) • 212 580 8700
www.ouestny.com Open dinner daily, brunch Sun

Ouest is about panache in just about every detail. The bar area is the first thing you'll notice, with its wood-paneled walls, shades of deep red, and old-fashioned fans hanging from the ceiling. Beyond this is a corridor that passes a glazed wine cellar and leads to the main dining area. Stylish round, red-leather booths take up most of the room, with square tables along the periphery. There's balcony seating too, though this is a bit cramped and best avoided. The bright kitchen is open for all to see, and the music adds to the atmosphere, tending toward 20s–40s jazz.

Owner/chef Tom Valenti has been much lauded for pleasing the palate and delighting the eye, here and at other top New York restaurants. Highly sophisticated dishes emerge from his kitchen, such as the intriguingly named "truffled omelet soufflé" with mouselline sauce, or lobster ravioli with a herb salad. Well-sourced game and other roast meats are typical offerings. Specials include braised lamb shanks on Mondays and Tuesdays, and the legendary meat loaf on a Sunday. Allow time to peruse the globe-trotting wine list, which has won awards, or ask for advice if the selection proves overwhelming. By contrast, the dessert selection is short and sweet, and includes a panna cotta that can't be beaten.

Ouest's superior brunch menu also wins plaudits by offering refined breakfast food such as scrambled egg with house-smoked sturgeon. **Expensive**

Picholine *traditional excellence*

7 C3

35 West 64th Street (between Broadway & Central Park W.)
• 212 724 8585
Open lunch Sat, dinner daily

The eponymous picholine (green olive) theme adorns the plates and is evident in dishes such as caramelized ribs with olive sauce. But it's also renowned for its cheese cart. Jackets are required in the main dining room. The front bar is less formal. **Expensive**

Pasha *high-class Turkish*

7 C2

70 West 71st Street (between Columbus Ave. & Central Park W.)
• 212 579 8751
Open dinner daily

A sumptuous eatery fit for Ottoman royalty. The rich, deep-red and yellow dining area is hung with vibrant tapestries. Kebabs, stuffed vine leaves, and dozens of other highly seasoned delights are presented by charming waitstaff. Great pre-theater deals. **Moderate**

El Malecón II *Caribbean specialties*

9 B3

764 Amsterdam Avenue (between 97th & 98th Sts)
• 212 864 5648
Open breakfast, lunch & dinner daily

Given New York's sizeable Dominican population, it is not surprising that some of the best Dominican cooking north of Miami is found here. While the staples do not differ greatly from those used in other Caribbean and many Central American kitchens, nuances make all the difference. Few restaurants get the alchemy quite so right as El Malecón II, younger brother of the Washington Heights original. Diners familiar with the restaurant's namesake – the seaside boulevard in Santo Domingo – might raise an eyebrow at the modest dining room. But one look at the spice-encrusted, brown skins of chickens on rotisseries will quell doubts. A mixed crowd of ex-pat families and students enjoys *mofongo* (sweet plantains mashed with stewed pork) and *asopao con longaniza* (rice in broth with spicy Spanish sausage). **Cheap**

Aix *inspiration from France* 9 B5

2398 Broadway (at 88th St.) • 212 874 7400
www.aixnyc.com Open dinner daily, brunch Sun

The bright oranges and sky blues in this restaurant evoke the colors of Provence. Rather than focusing on traditional Provençal dishes, however, Chef Didier Virot's menu offers a wider range of creative French fare. The star dish is halibut in a garlic cream with oatmeal porcini cake and walnut sauce. **Expensive**

Symposium *genuine Greek* 11 B5

544 West 113th Street (between Amsterdam Ave. & Broadway) • 212 865 1011
Open all day daily

Symposium has been serving stuffed vine leaves and mousaka for over 20 years to its regulars. Sit in the cozy taverna or walk through the kitchen to the enclosed back garden. The Symposium Salad provides a little taste of many dishes on the menu. **Moderate**

New Leaf Café *urban renewal enterprise*

Fort Tryon Park • 212 568 5323 • "A" train to 190th Street
www.nyrp.org/newleaf
Open lunch Wed–Sat, dinner Tue–Sat, brunch & dinner Sun

All net proceeds from this café, which is set in a converted stone house in Fort Tryon Park, go to the restoration and maintenance of the park. Organic salad leaves and wild salmon feature on the menu. Try to catch the Thursday evening Jazz Night. **Moderate**

Noodle Pudding *consistently tasty Italian* 13 A3

38 Henry Street (between Cranberry & Middagh Sts), Brooklyn • 718 625 3737
Open dinner Tue–Sun (cash only)

Don't let the name deceive you: Noodle Pudding refers to a pasta dish, not Asian food here. *Osso buco* (veal knuckle), *penne arrabiata*, real mozzarella, and panna cotta feature among the Italian staples. Locals pack this casually stylish restaurant nightly. **Moderate**

The River Café *enchanting views & food*

13 A3

1 Water Street (between Furman & Old Fulton Sts)
• 718 522 5200
www.therivercafe.com Open dinner daily, lunch Mon–Sat, brunch Sun (formal dress required in evening)

The River Café began serving sublime food in 1977 and hasn't looked back. In a superb setting directly on the waterfront, with a stunning view of the Manhattan skyline and Brooklyn Bridge, this is probably one of the most romantic dining places in the world. Much of the seating allows diners to gaze out at the scene together. The reputable kitchen tends to gravitate toward unusual meats and seafood. Foie gras, rabbit, suckling pig, and caviar might all feature on the menu, with a token dish for vegetarians. The Maine Lobster is a favorite. For novelty value, order the Chocolate Marquise Brooklyn Bridge – a model in fine chocolate. Lunch is slightly cheaper than the prix fixe dinner. If just savoring the ambience, go for wine and appetizers in the Terrace Room. **Expensive**

The Grocery *a neighborhood star*

13 B4

288 Smith Street (between Sackett & Union Sts)
• 718 596 3335
Open dinner Mon–Sat

The petite Grocery offers New American fare and has long been a favorite with locals. It is praised equally for its use of ultra-fresh ingredients and its service. Dishes tend to be simple and flavors sing out, as in the juicy, healthily trimmed grilled lamb. **Moderate**

Joya *Thai spice*

13 B4

215 Court Street (at Warren St.) • 718 222 3484
Open dinner daily

With its industrial-chic interior imparting a level of SoHo sophistication to the quaint Boerum Hill/Carroll Gardens neighborhood, Joya lures discerning Manhattanites across the river. Young professionals flock here for the ambience and the deftly executed Thai dishes that rarely venture above $10. **Cheap**

Park Slope Chip Shop *comfort food* 13 C5

383 5th Avenue (at 6th St.) • 718 CHIPSHOP
www.chipshopnyc.com Open all day daily

One of Park Slope's most cheerful eateries is inspired by a British phenomenon in dining. Young families and ex-pat students pining for familiar comfort food relish generous platters of chips, fried haddock, crisps, curries, and fishcakes. Dessert? Fried chocolate candy, of course. **Cheap**

Al Di La *Venetian trattoria* 13 C4

248 5th Avenue (at Carroll St.) • 718 783 4565
www.aldilatrattoria.com Open dinner daily except Tue

First-rate food served in a romantic, candlelit setting ensures Al Di La's devoted following. Specials include polenta, gnocchi with fried sage, and grilled sardines. The restaurant doesn't take reservations, so be prepared to have a drink at a neighboring bar while you wait for a table, or go off-peak. **Moderate**

Convivium Osteria *splendid bistro* 13 C4

68 5th Avenue (between Bergen St. & St Mark's Ave.) • 718 857 1833
Open dinner daily

Dim lighting and dark furnishings are a contrast to the bright, bold flavors of the Mediterranean at this little bistro. Pair a reasonably priced wine with braised artichoke hearts, salt cod filets, or roast rack of lamb. Little known outside the area... yet. **Moderate**

LouLou *a taste of Brittany* 13 C3

222 DeKalb Avenue (between Adelphi St. & Clermont Ave.) • 718 246 0633
Open dinner daily, brunch Sat & Sun

Cozy LouLou is a great stop before or after a visit to the Brooklyn Academy of Music *(see p129)*. Fish, seafood, and scrumptious crêpes are the mainstays of a menu that focuses on the Brittany region of France. Try the lovely back garden. **Moderate**

For advice on tipping in restaurants, see p233

i-Shebeen Madiba *South African eaterie* 13 C3

195 DeKalb Avenue (between Adelphi St. & Carlton Ave.) • 718 855 9190
www.i-shebeen.com Open all day daily (to 1am Fri & Sat)

Part Zulu trinket shop, part rustic-style bistro, this place is intriguing. Cosmopolitan locals come for authentic *bobotie* (a curried mince bake) and *potjie bredie* (meat stew in a cast iron pot). There's outdoor seating and live music, weather permitting. **Moderate**

Butta'Cup Lounge *Southern-style food* 13 C3

271 Adelphi Street (at Dekalb Ave.) • 718 522 1669
www.buttacuplounge.com
Open all day daily (to 2am Fri & Sat)

Sip a signature Applejack cocktail at the bar, then relax in a leopard print-upholstered booth. Notable main dishes include classic fried chicken and a piquant salmon Japonaise. On weekends, the upstairs lounge is good for DJ-spun soul and hip-hop. **Moderate**

DiFara Pizzeria *Neapolitan pizzas*

1424 Avenue J (between 14th & 15th Sts) • 718 258 1367 •
Subway Q to Avenue J
Open all day daily (cash only)

The thin, round pizza of Naples – arguably New Yorkers' most beloved culinary import – is elevated to an art form at this tiny pizzeria in the predominantly Hasidic Jewish neighborhood of Midwood. Producing these transcendent pies behind a cracked linoleum countertop since 1964 is Domenico DeMarco, a master *pizzaiolo* with an obsessive commitment to fresh ingredients and the precise assembly (one blob of creamy mozzarella at a time) of just about perfect pizzas. Translation: you must wait for your food.

Patience is rewarded with the first bite. The robust, basil-laced tomato sauce, crisp crust, light olive oil, and tangy parmigiano reggiano cheese should conspire to put words like "the best" on your lips. They should also distract you from the smoke-stained ceiling, and awkwardly arranged tables – just six altogether. **Cheap**

Relish *classic diner*

13 B2

225 Wythe Avenue (between Metropolitan Ave. & N. 3rd St.)
• 718 963 4546
Open all day daily (to 1am Fri & Sat)

Diners like this usually serve greasy, griddle-fried fare. But Josh Cohen's seasonal menus feature eclectic American bistro cuisine at diner-friendly prices: think chili-rubbed smoked ribs and tomato soup with chèvre croutons. Locals fill the 1950s-style booths. **Moderate**

Planet Thailand *affordable specialties*

13 B2

133 North 7th Street (between Bedford Ave. & Berry St.)
• 718 599 5758
Open all day daily to 1am, to 2am Fri & Sat (cash only)

The dining room here is cavernous, with towering windows and gray, industrial walls hung with sweeping paintings by Williamsburg artists. The venturesome and stylish nibble Thai papaya salads and Japanese *nigiri* sushi between sips of warm sake. **Cheap**

Peter Luger Steak House *sizzlers*

13 C2

178 Broadway (at Driggs Ave.) • 718 387 7400
» www.peterluger.com
Open all day to 9:45 daily (to 10:45pm Fri & Sat); cash only

Renowned as one of the top meat purveyors in the country, Peter Luger has been in business since 1887, and the generations of experience show. The decor is no-frills, and the menu is simple. Steak – particularly the Porterhouse – rules. **Expensive**

Bamonte's *old-school Italian*

13 C1

32 Withers Street (between Lorimer St. & Union Ave.)
• 718 384 8831
Open all day to 10:30, except Tue

Home-made pastas and rich sauces reign supreme at this establishment, which has been in business for over 100 years. Wonderful photographs on the walls and a waitstaff who look like they've been here almost as long are all part of its charm. **Moderate**

shopping

New York is a famously fabulous place to shop. Rich pickings are to be had across the board – in the time-honored department stores of midtown, the designer flagships of Fifth Avenue, and the latest little gem to spring up in buzzing Williamsburg. Follow the lead of New Yorkers and shop where the locals shop – the great delis, bookstores and music outlets downtown, and the funky fashion boutiques in Harlem and Brooklyn.

DEPARTMENT STORES

Bergdorf Goodman
754 5th Avenue
A bastion of understated style. Come here for high-end fashions and health treatments in the day spa. *(See p81)*

www.NYSale.com will give you the lowdown on up-and-coming designer sample sales.

Barney's New York
660 Madison Avenue
On a more modest scale than New York's really big stores, Barney's is one of the least daunting places for browsing designer clothes. *(See p82)*

Century 21
22 Cortlandt Street
A bargain-hunter's dream – despite sometimes surly service – Century 21 is packed with heavily discounted designer clothes. *(See p60)*

Jeffrey
449 West 14th Street
The lion's share of this popular store is given over to shoes – from Prada to Puma. The clothes are top-range and expensive. *(See p74)*

FOOD

Dean & DeLuca
560 Broadway
The first stop for foodies. Dean & DeLuca is a delicatessen par excellence, with the largest selection of gourmet foods in NY. *(See p65)*

Dylan's Candy Bar
1011 3rd Avenue
A two-story shop that's choc-a-bloc with sweets and confectionery of all kinds. Cute packaging too. *(See p82)*

Zabar's
2245 Broadway
A family-run New York institution, Zabar's stock includes mouth-watering cheeses, cured meats, and smoked fish. *(See p85)*

Magnolia Bakery
401 Bleecker Street
An irresistible hoard of cakes, muffins, and pastries is prepared daily at this Village bakery. *(See p71)*

HIGH FASHION

Miu Miu
100 Prince Street
A label that's adored for girly fashions: sensuous materials, beautifully cut dresses, and sexy underwear. *(See p63)*

Marc by Marc Jacobs
403–405 Bleecker Street
With men's and women's stores next door to each other, this is perfect for couples to get kitted out in Jacobs' effortlessly cool look. *(See p72)*

INA
21 Prince Street
A treasure-house for girls who want top-end fashions but lack the funds. INA stocks barely worn second-hand designer clothes. *(See p67)*

Costume National
108 Wooster Street
Typically fine Italian tailoring and a timeless sense of elegance are the hallmarks of the men's and women's clothing at this store. *(See p63)*

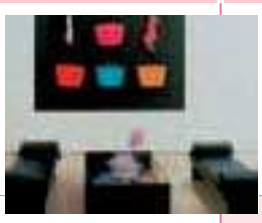
VINTAGE & RETRO

Housing Works Thrift Shop
306 Columbus Avenue
The stock is donated by the most stylish New Yorkers, so you can find cheap design classics here. Profits go to an AIDS charity. ***(See p85)***

Mini Minimarket
218 Bedford Avenue
Taking its stylistic lead from 70s and 80s leisurewear, Mini Minimarket is full of funky little numbers for the girl about town. ***(See p88)***

ALife Rivington Club
158 Rivington Street
This is *the* place to come for vintage trainers – Nike Air Wovens, old-school Adidas, etc. ***(See p69)***

SHOES & ACCESSORIES



Rafe
1 Bleecker Street
Candy-colored sandals with polka-dot insoles, strappy evening shoes, and soft, "ballet shoe" flats – Rafe's collections are fun. ***(See p68)***

Manolo Blahnik
31 West 54th Street
The doyen of high-end, super sexy footwear, Manolo Blahnik designs shoes that are very desirable, and extremely expensive. ***(See p78)***

Christian Louboutin
941 Madison Avenue
A beautiful, Parisian-style shop, with a selection of elegant shoes for wealthy Upper East Siders. ***(See p83)***

Blades Board & Skate
120 West 72nd Street
If you want to get around Central Park with more speed and style, get your inline skates here. ***(See p84)***

COOL STORES

Felissimo
10 West 56th Street
Felissimo treats household objects as works of art, exhibiting them in a five-floor shop-cum-gallery. ***(See p80)***

Takashimaya
693 5th Avenue
Asian influences are strong throughout Takashimaya's seductive store, which sells a mix of vintage furniture and high-tech gadgets. ***(See p79)***

www.lazarshopping.com provides profiles of the city's fashion designers, along with all manner of shopping advice and information, including a list of sales happening each month.

Flight 001
96 Greenwich Avenue
Be the coolest person on the plane with your own in-flight travel kit and maybe a mobile spice rack to liven up the airline food. ***(See p72)***

Isa
88 North 6th Street, Brooklyn
Street fashions are mixed with funky beats supplied by DJs. This is a place to hang out, chill out, and buy some cool duds. ***(See p89)***

Century 21 *discount designer duds*

1 D3

22 Cortlandt Street (between Church St. & Broadway)
• 212 227 9092
www.c21stores.com
Open 7:45–8 Mon–Fri (to 8:30 Thu), 10–8 Sat, 11–7 Sun

This is a goldmine of a department store, so don't let the aggressive crowds scare you away. The discounted designer men's and women's clothes, shoes, make-up, and linens on offer will make the occasional elbow in the ribs well worth the hassle.

The women's shoe department tends to be the busiest and most chaotic, due to weekly shipments from the likes of Costume National, Dolce & Gabbana, and Marc Jacobs. The top floor is the jewel in the crown, though: it stocks the collections of designers such as Armani, Missoni, and Ralph Lauren, but at a fraction of the price you'd pay at the Madison Avenue flagship stores. The only downside to this heavenly situation is the service (often brusque), long lines, and communal dressing rooms.

Kate Spade Travel *stylish accessories*

3 C5

59 Thompson Street (between Broome & Spring Sts)
• 212 965 8654
www.katespade.com Open 11–7 Tue–Sat, 12–6 Sun

Luxury coupled with whimsy are the key ingredients here. Nylon and leather weekend bags, personalized stationery, and vintage travel books from the 1960s make browsing a delight. (How the beautifully crafted luggage will withstand check-in is another matter.)

Hotel Venus by Patricia Field *Cirque du Soleil meets S&M clothing*

3 D5

382 West Broadway (between Broome & Spring Sts)
• 212 966 4066
www.patriciafield.com Open 11–7 daily (to 8 Thu, Sat)

Patricia Field – costume designer for the HBO sitcom *Sex and the City* – has designed this store to give free rein to her fantasies. Hip girls, transvestites, and circus performers will find something to make them smile.

Keiko *bikinis & maillots*

3 D5

62 Greene Street (between Broome & Spring Sts) • 212 226 6051
www.keikonewyork.com
Open 11–6 Mon–Fri, noon–6 Sat, 1–6 Sun

Take some of the anxiety away from swimsuit shopping with Keiko's wide choice of colors and styles, which ranges from boy-shorts to string bikinis. The assistants will help you find the perfect fit and ensure you'll be a head-turner at the beach.

Pearl River Mart *Far Eastern treasures*

3 D5

477 Broadway (between Grand & Broome Sts) • 212 431 4770
www.pearlriver.com Open 10–7:30 daily

It has never been easier or more fun to get lost in a store. This three-story shrine to everything Asian feels like a cross between a flea market (yes, the prices are that good) and an exotic department store. The elegant Chinese robes, traditional Mandarin dresses, slippers, embroidered bags, and purses would be triple the price in a more conventional store. The simple ceramic bowls and delicate Japanese tea sets are also the same as those found in pricey boutiques.

The kitchen department offers everything you need to prepare an authentic Asian meal: teas, spices, and sauces are available in bewildering quantities. Among the bathroom products are herbal remedies and beauty treats galore. Many of the exquisite Chinese wedding items make stunning accessories or gifts. There's also a selection of cute and colorful kids' clothes, shoes, and toys.

Gifts and novelty items range from funky alarm clocks and butterfly-shaped kites to windchimes, and there's a selection of fascinating traditional musical instruments. This is not to mention the lanterns, the stationery, the bedding, the homewares, and thousands of other items that will make you suddenly feel as if you've developed adult attention deficit disorder. A word to the wise: if time is of the essence, get here early before the crowds, and keep an eye on the clock – one could easily while away an entire day at the Pearl River Mart and barely notice.

Helmut Lang *luxurious minimalist clothes* 3 D5

80 Greene Street (between Spring & Broome Sts) • 212 925 7214
www.helmutlang.com Open 11–7 Mon–Sat, 12–6 Sun

Splashing out on an outfit from Helmut Lang will reward you for years to come, as the clothes are perennially stylish. This designer epitomizes the world's image of New York chic: basic blacks, whites, and neutrals, in designs that work equally well for a SoHo art opening or a downtown club. Perfumery is at 81.

Barney's CO-OP *hipster clothing* 3 D4

116 Wooster Street (between Prince & Spring Sts) • 212 965 9964 Open 11–7 Mon–Sat, noon–6 Sun

If no-brainer shopping is what you're after, then look no further than this wild-child of Barney's New York *(see p82)*, the city's bastion of good style and taste. The CO-OP's eclectic mix of trendy clothes for young-ish shoppers takes the Barney's brand in a hipper direction. A vast stockpile of jeans (from Seven to Levi's) for men and women guarantees that you'll find the perfect fit. Other lines – such as Theory, Marc by Marc Jacobs, and Prada Sport – mingle with upscale labels and 1970s-inspired athletic gear from the likes of Puma and Adidas. The handmade hats, funky watches, jewelry, and shoes are quirky enough to warrant more than a second glance – in fact, it's almost impossible to make a bad purchase here. What's more, wearing clothes from Barney's CO-OP is sure to increase your likelihood of getting through the velvet ropes at New York's hot night spots.

Le Corset by Selima *luxe lingerie* 3 C5

80 Thompson Street (between Broome & Spring Sts) • 212 334 4936 Open 11–7 Mon–Fri, 11–8 Sat, noon–7 Sun

The great and the good, from Yoko Ono to Sir Ben Kingsley, have been spotted inside this closet-sized lingerie store. Underwear by Roberto Cavalli and kimonos (new and vintage) will tempt the temptress in you. The hand-dyed corsets are so beautiful that many buyers use them as outerwear.

Clio *whimsical home accessories*

3 C4

92 Thompson Street (between Prince & Spring Sts) • 212 966 8991

www.clio-home.com Open 11–7 Mon–Sat, noon–6 Sun

The focus is on up-and-coming homeware designers from around the world. Unique pieces, such as a walnut cheese board with turquoise inlay, can be found among handblown glassware. Look for the Rehabilitated Dinnerware line of revamped vintage serving platters.

Costume National *sleek clothes*

3 D4

108 Wooster Street (between Prince & Spring Sts) • 212 431 1530

www.costumenational.com Open 11–7 Mon–Sat, noon–6 Sun

Ennio Capasa's collection of streamlined clothes for men and women includes pieces you'll want in your closet forever because of their enduring style. The Italian designer's perfectly tailored jackets and skirts appear edgy yet elegant, and each season's shoe collection offers sexy heels and urban-style flats.

Kirna Zabate *wearable avant-garde*

3 D4

96 Greene Street (between Prince & Spring Sts) • 212 941 9656

www.kirnazabete.com Open 11–7 Mon–Sat, noon–6 Sun

Every item here seems to be letting you in on a fashion secret, hinting at what is absolutely "of-the-moment." The two-story boutique is a hot spot for industry insiders, who love the drama of finding Jean Paul Gaultier next to unknown indie labels. Accessories for babies and dogs make the store even more delightful.

Miu Miu *off-beat elegance*

3 D4

100 Prince Street (between Mercer & Greene Sts) • 212 334 5156

www.miumiu.com Open 11–7 Mon-Fri, noon–6 Sat & Sun

This flagship store has major browse appeal due to its energetic and flirty designs. While the craftsmanship of parent company Prada can be seen in the details, a let-your-hair-down attitude gives the clothes verve. Miu Miu's fashions may not be cheap, but wearing a shirt that makes you feel happy is priceless.

Moss *museum-worthy designs*

3 D4

146 Greene Street (between Prince & W. Houston Sts)
• 212 204 7100
www.mossonline.com Open 11–7 Mon–Sat, noon–6 Sun

This store pleases die-hard design fans as well as those who just love pretty things. Step into a world of modern furniture, retro lighting, and Moser crystal. While many items are ludicrously expensive, others, like the Lomo cameras are reasonably priced.

Marc Jacobs *fashion's golden boy*

3 D4

163 Mercer Street (between Prince & W. Houston Sts)
• 212 343 1490
www.marcjacobs.com Open 11–7 Mon–Sat, noon–6 Sun

Given that writer/film director Sophia Coppola is Jacobs' muse, it's not surprising that every item in his store has effortless, super-cool style. From his coveted leather bags to retro-style dresses, jackets, and shoes, there is little that won't please the eye.

Prada *vast flagship store*

3 D4

575 Broadway (at Prince St.) • 212 334 8888
www.prada.com Open 11–7, noon–6 Sun

Prada's 24,000-sq-ft flagship in the heart of SoHo may have become as overexposed as a pop princess's midriff, but that doesn't mean we won't keep looking. The elegantly futuristic store, designed by Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas, retains the flavor of an art space (the building used to be the downtown arm of the Guggenheim Museum), and will entice travelers to visit just to witness architectural history in the making. Koolhaas included so many technologically advanced gadgets that even science and technology magazines covered the store opening.

As for the clothes, they remain beautiful examples of elegance reinterpreted. For women, the designs do not slavishly follow fashions, but assuredly set their own trends. The men's shoes – with the signature red stripe on the sole of the Prada Sport line – are staples that never lose their popularity.

For tips on tax-free shopping, visit **www.enewyork.dk.com**

Scoop *high fashion*

3 D4

532 Broadway (between Prince & Spring Sts) • 212 925 2886
www.scoopnyc.com Open 11–8 Mon–Sat, noon–7 Sun

The price tags may elicit a tiny (involuntary) gasp, but one piece will go a long way in building a great wardrobe. While the store caters mainly to sample-size fashionistas who don't balk at maxing out their credit cards for a poncho, it's a great place to come for the most sought-after pieces from each season.

Dean & DeLuca *a gourmet's mecca*

3 D4

560 Broadway (at Prince St.) • 212 226 6800
www.deandeluca.com Open 9–8 Mon–Sat, 10–7 Sun

Should there be a perfect way to stack mangoes, display passion fruit, and organize juice bottles according to the laws of color theory, then Dean & DeLuca will find it. This Aladdin's cave of a gourmet store carries top-quality produce, be it fresh, cured, made locally, or flown in from distant shores. All the produce looks wonderfully wholesome and good. Spices are clearly chosen with care, and the bottles of olive oil from Italy are almost too beautiful to open. And one of the best things about shopping here is that there are always free tasters to sample.

Each department carries delicacies from around the world. The cheese section stocks an ample selection of Goudas and Bries, as well as more exotic delights, such as Brillo de Treviso (a sweet cheese from Italy that is dipped in wine). There are also fine American cheeses, such as the creamy goat's cheese Humbolt Fog. The seafood department carries sushi-grade tuna, and the bakery produces tasty numbers such as Portuguese corn bread – it's good enough to make you throw out the low-carb lifestyle for good.

Head to the back of the store for every type of kichen appliance you never knew you needed, from sushi trays and crème brûlée dishes to mixers, suede oven mitts, and cedar grilling planks (they keep food moist, apparently). And, lest you become over-whelmed by the choice of food on offer, there is an entire library of cookbooks to help sort things out.

Dean & DeLuca has a great in-store café for takeaway pastries and coffee (see p13)

Kate's Paperie *stationery with panache*

3 D4

561 Broadway (at Prince St.) • 212 941 9816

www.katespaperie.com Open 10–8 Mon–Sat, 11–7 Sun

Luddites who prefer the tactile pleasures of pen and paper to the ease of electronic mail should check out Kate's for all their stationery needs. Quirky thank-you cards, giant leather-bound photo albums, fountain pens, stamps, and tactile handmade paper sold by the sheet are here in abundance.

The Apartment *dream apartment loot*

3 D4

101 Crosby Street (between Prince & Spring Sts) • 212 219 3661

www.theapt.com Open Mon–Fri by appt only

Once you enter this experimental design studio set up to look like a real apartment, you may have difficulty returning to your own abode. Every aspect of The Apartment has been put together with an eye for what is both minimalist and sensuous. From the multicolored broom in the kitchen to the Philippe Starck fixtures in the bathroom to the Edith Mezard linens on the bed – everything exudes exemplary design. And, of course, everything you see is for sale: the clothes in the closet, the toothpaste in the bathroom, even the food in the fridge. The point of it all? To emphasize that by putting objects in a real setting, design becomes more accessible. The Apartment also hosts happenings, events, works with major corporations on brand development, and can be hired to re-style private and commercial spaces.

Rescue Nail Spa *velvet-rope nail spa*

4 E5

21 Cleveland Place (between Kenmare & Spring Sts) • 212 431 3805

www.rescuebeauty.com Open 11–8 Mon–Fri, 10–6 Sat

Ji Baek – the super-stylish owner – has put together NY's most hip beauty salon. As well as pedicures and manicures, Rescue offers many other treatments and all the lotions and potions associated with top-notch aromatherapy, massage, waxing, and brow-shaping.

For useful shopping links, see **www.enewyork.dk.com**

SCO *customized skincare*

3 D4

584 Broadway, 5th Floor (between Prince & Houston Sts)
• 866 966 7268
»www.scocare.com Open 11–7 Mon–Sat

Giant test tubes of pure infusions stand sentinel at the entrance to this tiny, bright, and crisply decorated skincare shop. SCO stands for Skin Care Options, and the products – which include facial cleansers, tonics and creams, a lip balm, body scrubs and polishes – are universal to all skin types. The infusions are used to customize them to each person's needs.

The consultant will ask you a series of health-related questions, then mix up a product appropriate to your requirements, choosing from more than 20 natural ingredients: caffeine for toning and tightening skin; vitamins A, C, and E for helping skin renewal; willow bark for its antiseptic properties, and many more. Products are packaged in elegant bottles. Your prescription is filed for repeat orders, and any changes in skin condition can be accommodated.

INA *runway cast-offs*

4 E4

21 Prince Street (between Mott & Elizabeth Sts)
• 212 334 9048
»www.inanyc.com Open noon–7 daily (to 8 Fri & Sat)

Ever longed for Prada heels but just couldn't afford them? You can find designer goods at a fraction of the original price at this store for girls with high-end tastes but low budgets. Many clothes are brand new, and models sometimes bring in just-off-the-catwalk items.

Calypso *hip hippy beachwear*

4 E4

280 Mott Street (between Prince & Houston Sts)
• 212 965 0990
»www.calypso-celle.com Open 11–7 Mon–Sat, noon–7 Sun

This famously chic store carries clothes for the girl who spends half the year in Spain's Ibiza and the other half in the Caribbean's St. Barth's. Every item here oozes bohemian beach luxury. Peasant skirts, colorful silk tops, and sandals lend a tropical appeal.

Hable Construction *beautiful interiors*

4 E4

230 Elizabeth Street (between Prince & Houston Sts)
• 212 343 8555
www.hableconstruction.com Open 11–7 Mon–Sat, noon–5 Sun

The Hable sisters named their company after their grandfather's construction business. But instead of building houses, they design pretty, practical things. The canvas pillows, printed boxes, beach towels, and garden accessories will add a dash of fun to any home.

Mayle *dressing up for real life*

4 E4

242 Elizabeth Street (between Prince & Houston Sts)
• 212 625 0406
Open noon–7 Mon–Sat, noon–6 Sun

Jane Mayle's vintage-style, super-sexy clothes are on every young Hollywood starlet's must-have list. Actress Kirsten Dunst (of *Spiderman* fame) is among the many fans of Mayle's slip dresses, girly blouses, and slouchy pants. Collection now includes raved-about shoes.

Rafe *eye-catching modern handbags*

4 E4

1 Bleecker Street (at Bowery) • 877-7Rafeny
www.rafe.com
Open noon–7 Mon–Thu & Sat, noon–8 Fri

Designer Ramon Felix creates glamorous bags and shoes that transport the imagination. His straw-and-leather Corsica bag looks like something Audrey Hepburn could have held, and the St. Germain clutch is pure Parisian chic. There are bags for men too.

Bond 07 by Selima *neo-bohemian looks*

3 D3

7 Bond Street (between Broadway & Lafayette St.)
• 212 677 8487
www.selimaoptique.com Open 11–7 Mon–Sat, noon–7 Sun

Selima Salaun, known for her optical wear, is behind this NoHo boutique, which caters to women who favor unusual styles. An eclectic selection of bags, hats, dresses, and, of course, glasses; Ashish, Cacharel, and Tsumori Chisato are among the designers.

LAFCO *highly coveted beauty products* 4 E4

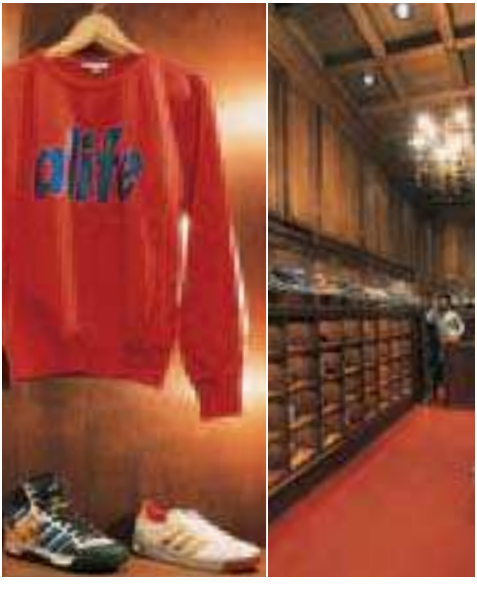
285 Lafayette Street (between Prince & Jersey Sts)
• 212 925 0001
www.lafcony.com Open 11–7 Mon–Sat (to 8 Thu), noon–6 Sun (closed on Sun in summer)

LAFCO sells exclusive beauty products, including the creams and tonics of Lorenzo Villoresi. This is also the NY base for the entire range of Santa Maria Novella, a coveted Italian skincare line.

TG-170 *clothes that epitomize downtown cool* 4 F4

170 Ludlow Street (between Houston & Stanton Sts)
• 212 995 8660
www.tg170.com Open noon–8 daily

If you've ever wondered what the cutting-edge kids wear to hip Lower East Side parties, TG-170 will let you in on the secret. The shop stocks small quantities of choice clothes and accessories. Owner Terri Gillis is often here to sort out shoppers' style dilemmas.



ALife Rivington Club *sneaker joint* 4 G4

158 Rivington Street (at Clinton St.) • 212 375 8128
http://rivingtonclub.com Open noon–7 Tue–Sat

If an exquisite pair of retro trainers is what you're after, you need to be willing to put up with a few headaches. To begin with, ALife pretends not to want to be found – there is no sign out front, and you must ring a doorbell to enter. Such discretion may give you the impression that you've intruded on a members-only club – in fact, their business cards say "members only." But this is all retail theater, and once you're inside the wood-paneled shop any misgivings you have will soon be forgotten.

The knockout shoes are individually displayed, each allotted its own back-lit mahogany shelf space, like a row of rare finds in a local museum. This is fitting, as the items stocked here would be hard to track down elsewhere. Vintage Air Jordans, Nike Air Wovens, and old-school Adidas are just some of the lines available that will grant you instant street credibility.

Shop *fun, feminine finds*

4 F4

105 Stanton Street (between Ludlow & Essex Sts)
• **212 375 0304** Open noon–7 daily

A rack of sexy dresses, lacy cover-ups for the beach, and cashmere sweaters makes Shop feel a little like an intimate dressing room for college sorority girls. The salespeople are extremely friendly too, treating you just like one of the girls. For more standard fare, there's an entire wall devoted to jeans.

Teany *Moby's tea shop*

4 F4

90 Rivington Street (between Orchard & Ludlow Sts)
• **212 475 9190**
www.teany.com Open 8–1am daily

Electronica music maven Moby has created his own vision of what a teahouse should be (and very teeny it is indeed). The cozy interior is minimalist white, and the sound system reverberates with low-key club music, giving the shop a futuristic Zen-like ambience.

There are over 93 different teas to sample and buy, ranging from the exotic to the highly exotic. Try the Silver Needle (a white tea with a superior level of antioxidants), the Golden Nepal (just because the name is so cool), and the Earl Grey Creme (the real best-seller). Alongside metal canisters of leaf tea, the tiny retail section sells every accessory for the perfect brew, from the teapot – with Teany logo – to cups, glasses, tea caddies, and milk jugs. Don't leave without sampling the vegan/vegetarian menu (organic muffins, delicate sandwiches, and tofu scramble).

Chain Stores

New York has no shortage of chain stores offering reasonably priced fashion. There is a **Gap** on practically every corner – always good for basic T-shirts, jeans, khakis, and bookbags. Equally prevalent is Gap's more upscale sister store, **Banana Republic**. Popular with Wall Street yuppies, Banana offers clean-cut fashion. Prices can be a bit high for fashion with such little soul, but there is always a sale rack with bargains. The all-American, casual-preppy look of **J. Crew** is popular with all age groups, and can even make it into a fashionista's closet. For pseudo-punk flair, try **Urban Outfitters**, where you'll find the latest trends, such as Puma zip-ups, and funky household items like shower curtains and kitchenware. For individual contact details, *see p223–4*.

Subterranean Records *60s–70s vinyl* 3 C3

5 Cornelia Street (at W. 4th St.) • 212 463 8900
www.recordsnyc.com Open noon–8 daily

In the heart of the West Village, Subterranean Records is the kind of music store any die-hard rocker would be hard pressed to fault. Specializing in 70s-era NYC punk and 60s-era rock, the shop is crammed with 7-inch singles and LPs. There's soul, jazz, and blues, too, and plenty of CDs alongside the old-school vinyl.

Fat Beats *hip-hop & def sounds* 3 C2

406 6th Avenue (between 8th & 9th Sts) • 212 673 3883
www.fatbeats.com Open noon–9 Mon–Sat, noon–6 Sun

Fat Beats caters to DJs and collectors of hip-hop vinyl. If you are a true connoisseur of underground hip-hop, you'll probably have the shop at the top of your NY itinerary. If, on the other hand, you're merely a dabbler in the music, at least go for the experience – especially the too-cool-for-school staff.

Fresh *decadent bath & body tonics* 3 B3

388 Bleecker Street (at Perry St.) • 917 408 1850
www.fresh.com Open noon–8 Mon– Sat, noon–6 Sun

The lotions and potions found here sound more like culinary ingredients than bathroom products. Sugar scrubs, sake bath gel, milk soaps, rice face washes, and soy hand cream are a few of the more exotic creations. All Fresh products are beautifully packaged, making them ideal gifts to take back home.

Magnolia Bakery *classic cupcakes* 3 B3

401 Bleecker Street (at W. 11th St.) • 212 462 2572
Open noon–11:30 Mon, 9–11:30 Tue–Thu, 9–12:30 Fri, 10–12:30 Sat, 10–11:30 Sun

Instantly recognizable by the line of happy customers at the door, Magnolia is a Village institution, famed for its beautifully decorated and superb-tasting cupcakes. Don't be shy about guzzling one as soon as you've paid – everyone does.

For a listing of the shops by category, see pp223–5

Marc by Marc Jacobs *downtown cool* 3 B4

403–405 Bleecker Street (between Bank & W. 11th Sts)
• 212 343 1490
www.marcjacobs.com Open noon–8 Mon–Sat, noon–7 Sun

Ever wondered how models obtain that chic, just-rolled-out-of-bed style? Step inside Marc's store, and you too can achieve the look, with a pair of 70s-inspired cords and a bomber jacket – the designer's favorites. Men's and women's stores are next to each other.

Flight 001 *quirky accessories for jet-setters* 3 A2

96 Greenwich Avenue (at Jane St.) • 212 691 1001
www.flight001.com Open 11–8:30 Mon– Fri, 11–8 Sat, noon–6 Sun

Ever thought you could do with a petal pink passport cover? You will be convinced you need more cool accessories and gadgets than 007 after visiting this West Village gem. A mobile spice rack to liven up airplane food, a cigarette lighter that will work in storm-force gales, and adorable laundry bags are among the essentials. For the transcontinental sophisticate, there are *New York Times* trivia games, airplane yoga books, travel candles, and Dr. Hauschka beauty products. This is also your chance to stock up on travel books locating the planet's hippest hotels. Walking-tour CDs of Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx can be burnt on to your iPod, to ensure that you never get lost. Still got money to burn? Then indulge in the silver, hardcase luggage – and look like a traveler who knows how to get there in style.

Bonsignour *coffee & beautiful people* 3 B2

35 Jane Street (between 8th Ave. & Hudson St.) • 212 229 9700
Open 7–8 Mon–Sun

The reason why so many shoppers pack into this Lilliputian space is because it offers good coffee, even better baked goods, and has the friendliest vibe of any café/bakery in the West Village. The bench outside is arguably the best place in the neighborhood to sit and watch the world go by.

MXYPLYZYK *eclectic urban homeware* 3 B2

125 Greenwich Avenue (at Horatio St.) • 212 989 4300
www.mxyplyzyk.com Open 11–7 Mon–Sat, noon–5 Sun

Keep your hands in your pockets at this unique store, as you're bound to want to touch, stroke, or squeeze *everything*. From puggy banks (pug-dog piggy banks – get it?) to purses resembling Bocce bowling balls, whimsy is the *raison d'être* of almost every item at MXYPLYZYK. (It's pronounced "mixyplitsick," by the way.) Vinyl bowls look like warped LPs, a shiny chrome toaster is suggestive of a prop in a 1950s sci-fi movie, and a nutcracker comes in the guise of a squirrel. Utilitarian products, such as cups and saucers, make the occasional appearance alongside a wealth of semi-useful stuff like salt and pepper dogs, psychedelic plates, wonky glasses, and rubber-bladed desk fans.

There are items for every corner of your home: modern measuring bowls and Japanese dishes for the kitchen, Korres skin care products and giant rubber ducks for the bathroom, a coffee table book of *Turkish Wrestling*, and sleek Martini shakers for your evening cocktails. The most sophisticated pieces (not outrageously priced considering the exclusive West-Village location) include office lamps and metal "industrial-style" jewelry. The point of this store is to bring a little humor and frivolity into the overly studious atmosphere that frequently surrounds contemporary design. Linking all the varied products in this fun store is the perennial question of what is functional design and what is art.

Stella McCartney *high chic/rocker chick* 3 A2

429 West 14th Street (between Washington St. & 9th Ave.) • 212 255 1556
www.stellamccartney.com Open 12–7 Mon–Sat, 12:30–6 Sun

Set in the newly fashionable Meatpacking District, Stella McCartney's store is a lesson in cool. Green stilettos with plastic cherries dangling off the straps epitomize her vision of elegance with a little *joie de vivre*. The inlaid wood dressing rooms are exquisite.

La Cafetiere *French-style homewares*

3 A1

160 9th Avenue (between W. 19th & W. 20th Sts)
• 646 486 0667
Open 10–7:30 Tue–Sat, noon–6:30 Sun

Francophiles and those who think a smattering of Provençal style might look good in their homes should head to this shop. While some of the rural-style tableware is pleasant but commonplace, the furniture – such as a weather-beaten armoire – is exceptional.

Jeffrey *boutique department store*

3 A2

449 West 14th Street (between Washington St. & 9th Ave.)
• 212 206 1272 Open 10–8 Mon–Sat (to 9 Thu, 7 Sat), 12:30–6 Sun

A trailblazing store at the edge of the luxuriously gritty Meatpacking District *(see p161)*, Jeffrey is where beautiful people and celebrities shop (you'll often see tinted-glass limousines parked out front). While the store is not large, the stock is a discerning selection, and avant-garde labels such as Dries Van Noten and Balenciaga are much in evidence. This means that you won't have to spend hours digging around for the choicest outfits, but it also means that you won't find bargains either.

The women's shoe department – which takes up the entire center of the store – is possibly the best collection of footwear in New York. You'll find sandals made in Capri, Prada flats, Yves Saint Laurent stilettos, Puma trainers, and a selection of other equally stylish brands. Adding to the enjoyment of shopping at Jeffrey are old-school touches, such as formal greeters at the door and an abundance of cheery salespeople.

Carapan Urban Spa & Store *city oasis*

3 C1

5 West 16th Street (between 5th & 6th Aves) • 212 633 6220
www.carapan.com
Spa open 10–9:45 daily; store open 10–8 daily

Carapan's all-natural restorative products are made from plants, flowers, and minerals. Buy them here, or indulge fully at the on-site holistic spa, which offers some of the best massage and treatments in the city.

ABC Carpet and Home *beautiful, budget-breaking furniture*

3 D1

888 Broadway (at E. 19th St.) • 212 473 3000
www.abchome.com
Open 10–8 Mon–Fri, 10–7 Sat, 11–6:30 Sun

The six massive floors of ABC will be like the skies of heaven to many shoppers – there's a vision of unparalleled beauty wherever you look.

The first floor is an assortment of treasures, such as hand-blown Venetian glass chandeliers, vintage nursery furniture from France, and cast-iron Buddha heads. This level may look like a Parisian flea market, but don't expect flea market prices.

Walk upstairs to find modern furniture and retro 1960s-style chairs and light fixtures. The third floor stocks some of the world's finest linens, Frette and Pratesi among them. Head to floors five and six for Belle Époque French antiques. Many pieces – whether rustic cooking pots or formal chairs – would look at home in a museum.

Many native New Yorkers don't even know about the top-notch, top-floor restaurants at this extraordinary store. Le Pain Quotidien is a French-Belgian Bakery serving breads, pastries, gourmet sandwiches, and coffee. It's a popular place for brunch. There is also Pipa, a tapas restaurant, which has a lively atmosphere for larger parties. Lucy is a Mexican barbecue.

Without leaving the store, you can visit the Mudhoney Salon. This is a full-service luxury hair salon with a beguiling element of punk set amid the beauty of East Asian furniture.

Paragon Sporting Goods *clothes and equipment for the sporty*

3 D1

867 Broadway (at W. 18th St.) • 800 961 3030
www.paragonsports.com
Open 10–8 Mon–Sat, 11:30–7 Sun

A three-floor megastore for your inner athlete, Paragon offers everything needed for just about any sport you care to mention. The basement is filled to the brim with trainers, including New Balance (the serious jogger's choice), Nike, and Puma. All manner of running paraphernalia is stocked: heart monitors, lap timers, even breathable underwear.

The first floor caters to the more genteel country club set, with tennis rackets, Lacoste shirts, and adorable tennis skirts. There's a wide selection of golf equipment too. Don't miss the large back room for swimwear (from delicate bikini sets made for lounging to serious one-piece Speedos for racing).

The top floor is the preserve of adventure sports: kayaking equipment, diving watches, and a full assortment of camping gear.

Department Stores

Manhattan's department stores are legendary, and visitors rarely feel a visit to New York is complete without venturing to at least one of the city's great shopping behemoths.

Macy's *(see p223)* is usually high on the list; this century-old icon spans a full city block and carries mostly moderately priced goods from homewares to fashion. You'll need to exercise patience, though, as Macy's is always crowded and easy to get lost in. But, if you have time to spare, you will uncover generous sale racks, with all-American brands such as DKNY, Tommy Hilfiger, and Polo.

If you're looking for a more upscale, less crowded variation, **Bloomingdale's** and **Saks Fifth Avenue** *(see p223 for both)* offer not only hundreds of everyday brands but also boutique labels and high-end designer showrooms. Chanel, Stella McCartney, and Yves Saint-Laurent are among the fashion houses represented at these department stores. During the amazing end-of-season sales, luxury items are reduced by as much as 50 per cent.

Henri Bendel *(see p223)* is much loved by New Yorkers and visitors alike because it feels deceptively more like a boutique than a large department store. This is due, in part, to its clever layout of split levels and winding staircases. Yet the selection here is vast, from hip make-up lines such as MAC and Laura Mercier to private label sweaters. There is a mini boutique of Diane Von Furstenburg wrap dresses and an impressive selection of evening frocks. Unlike the other department stores though, Bendels (as it's affectionately called by New Yorkers) does not sell everything from mixers to mattresses, but limits itself to cutting-edge designers and beauty products. *(See also* **Bergdorf Goodman***, p81.)*

Kiehl's *world-famous for beauty products* 4 E2

109 3rd Avenue (between 13th & 14th Sts) • 800 543 4572
www.kiehls.com Open 10–7pm Mon–Sat, noon–6 Sun

Conveniently located just steps away from the Third Avenue stop on the L train, this flagship store for Kiehl's has an awesome product line of plant-based beauty creams, tonics, powders, and soaps. In keeping with the simplicity of the products, the packaging is kept equally minimal.

Grab a basket upon entering and start walking down the rows of cucumber body washes, rose toners, coconut hair conditioners, and more. Friendly and well-informed staff are on hand to answer questions and offer suggestions. A few suggestions for your shopping list: Kiehl's Silk Groom (which does wonders for conditioning and styling hair); the excellent Lip Balm; and Kiehl's Original Musk Oil (which has been known to stop people in their tracks, so intoxicating is its aroma). Kiehl's is also very good at offering free samples of any item you are curious about.

The Strand *the first and last word in books* 3 D2

828 Broadway (at 12th St.) • 212 473 1452
www.strandbooks.com Open 9:30–10:30 Mon–Sat, 11–10:30 Sun

The Strand is a downtown institution, and all visitors to the city should pay a visit here to participate in a New York rite of passage. This is not a bookstore with neatly arranged shelves and space to sit on sofas and sip lattes. And that is precisely why The Strand is so precious to bibliophiles. Books are its sole *raison d'être*, and book-hunters duly crowd the store to scour the shelves for out-of-print books, first editions, and obscure tomes at greatly discounted prices.

A large collection of photography, architecture, and design books sits alongside shelf upon shelf of fiction, from pulp to literary classics. A treasure trove of children's books can be found downstairs. Outside, there are always hundreds of books stacked up, on sale for a dollar each. Whatever you're looking for, there are always astonishing discoveries to be made.

A great place to eat on Broadway is L'Ecole, see p26

St. Mark's Sounds *new & used CDs*

4 E3

16 St. Mark's Place (between 2nd & 3rd Aves) • 212 677 2727
Open noon–10:30 Mon–Sun (to 11::30 Fri–Sat)

This is no place in which to worry about surly service, dust collecting on the CD covers, or the absence of listening booths. However, it is the place to go wild about an amazing selection of used and new CDs of rock, jazz, new wave, soul, and more at prices that rarely go above double digits.

Jazz Record Center *hidden store of jazz jewels*

5 C5

236 West 26th Street, 8th Floor (between 7th & 8th Aves) • 212 675 4480
www.jazzrecordcenter.com
Open 10–6 Mon–Sat

A music store for those who know that jazz isn't just about Miles Davis, John Coltrane, and Dizzy Gillespie. The Jazz Record Center specializes in rare vinyl for true jazz fanatics. Auctions are held via the store's website, through which you can purchase books, magazines, jazz ephemera, and LPs, including coveted first pressings.

Jimmy Choo *shoes that pinch the wallet*

8 E5

645 5th Avenue (between 51st & 52nd Sts) • 212 593 0800
www.jimmychoo.com Open 10–6 Mon–Sat

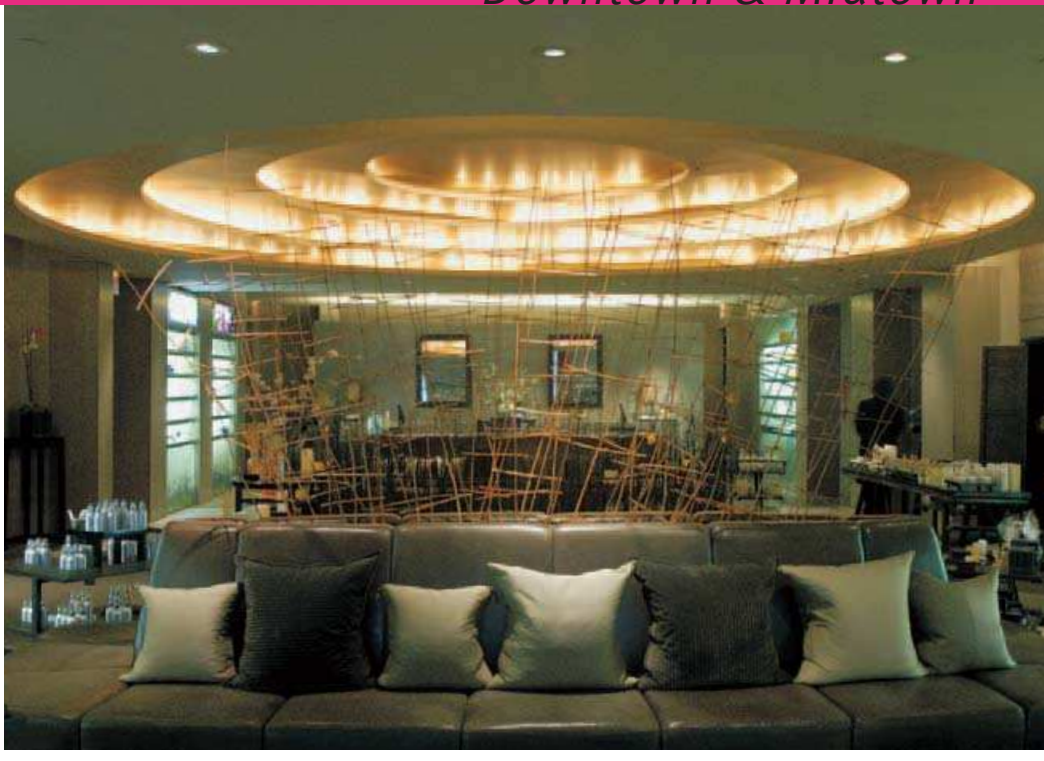
If the shoe fits (or even if it hurts a bit), don't deny yourself the luxury of owning a pair of status-making Jimmy Choos. There is a style to match any aspect of your life (except maybe hiking): flat sandals for holidays, strappy stilettos for the evening, sporty pumps, and even a bridal collection.

Manolo Blahnik *shoe shrine*

8 E5

31 West 54th Street (between 5th & 6th Aves) • 212 582 3007
Open 10:30–6 Mon–Fri, 10:30–5:30 Sat

If shoes can be considered works of art, then Manolo Blahniks are masterpieces. Every pair is meticulously hand-crafted, and any woman who wears them gains instant sex appeal (that is, if she can master walking in such dainty heels). Plan on paying a hefty price though: such stylistic wizardry does not come cheap.



Takashimaya *hand-picked exotica* 8 E5

693 5th Avenue (between 54th & 55th Sts) • 800 753 2038
Open 10–7 Mon–Sat, noon–5 Sun

If you find yourself on the crowded streets of Fifth Avenue, duck into Takashimaya for some peace and tranquillity. A hushed quality fills this six-level store, and the objects therein form a refined selection of goods from around the world (many of them with an Asian influence). Comfort and luxury come in many forms: vintage furniture, state-of-the-art gadgetry, pamperingly soft bathrobes, lacquered bowls, handmade sweaters, and exotic flower arrangements.

The top floor carries deluxe beauty items, such as outrageously decadent silk Japanese slippers that release a perfume as you walk in them. This department also stocks the most coveted and hard-to-find beauty products and fragrances. You'll find ranges by Czech & Speake, Different Company perfumes, and Takashimaya's own T fragrance line.

The slick "lifestyle" floor sells everything from modern dishes to ancient-looking tables and wardrobes. If a one-of-a kind gift is what you're after, there is an endless selection of pretty little things, such as delicate Japanese writing paper and old-fashioned photo albums. Everything is displayed in a sparse Zen-like fashion, and every item is specially selected for its uniqueness and high quality.

The Tea Box Café on the bottom floor is the best place to rest tired feet and reinvigorate the tired shopper. It serves authentic Japanese green teas and bento boxes filled with healthy East-West fusion morsels to munch on.

Felissimo *half-gallery, half-boutique*

8 E5

10 West 56th Street (between 5th & 6th Aves) • 212 247 5656
www.felissimo.com
Open 11–6 Mon–Thu & Sat, 11–8 Fri

The five-story design house of Felissimo is unlike any other store you'll find in New York – or anywhere else, for that matter. It is a hybrid gallery/design boutique, filled with one-of-a kind products to contemplate and to buy. The owners of Felissimo (which means "beyond happy" in Italian) collaborate with designers from around the world to produce temporary exhibitions. The beautiful and often highly original objects on display may be prototypes for goods not yet mass-produced. Each exhibition has a theme, and aims to make the audience/customers question the effect of design on society. During 2004, for example, one of the exhibitions was called "White Out." All five floors were filled with white furniture, clothes, and objects for the duration of the show, which explored the perception of white.

If this all seems a little pretentious, take comfort in the fact that proceeds from the sale of many of the designs go to good causes. For example, a portion of the price of the Tribute Plates – ceramic plates individually designed by famous actors, designers, and artists – goes to the charity of the designer's choice, as well as UNESCO.

In the gift shop downstairs, you can view and buy more down-to-earth objects, such as modern steel tea pots, metal earrings, funky wrapping paper, T-shirts, and other eclectic but well-designed items.

Niketown *a Nike for everyone*

8 E5

6 East 57th Street (at 5th Ave.) • 212 891 6453
www.niketown.com Open 10–8 Mon–Sat, 11–7 Sun

Much as the name implies, this is, if not quite a town, then certainly a decent-sized village of Nike products. The newest trainers are on display alongside men's and women's workout clothes – cool enough for street wear. If you're less concerned about the latest craze, seek out the Clearance Department for great bargains.

Bergdorf Goodman *old-school charm* 8 E4

754 5th Avenue (between 57th & 58th Sts) • 800 558 1855
www.bergdorfgoodman.com
Open 10–7 Mon–Sat (to 8 Thu), noon–6 Sun

Bergdorf's, as New Yorkers affectionately call this landmark department store, is almost as definitive a symbol of the city as the Statue of Liberty. Located near the Trump Tower and across the street from the Plaza Hotel *(see p183)*, this is where the well-heeled ladies who lunch choose to shop.

The basement level has been converted into the beauty floor. This bright and cheerful space showcases skincare brands, such as La Prairie, and make-up lines including Shu Umera. The Buff Spa is a manicure/pedicure stand (no appointment necessary). More beauty needs can be fulfilled upstairs at the Susan Ciminelli Day Spa (which is known for its use of soothing, seaweed-based products) and the John Barett Salon.

As for fashion and accessories, everything you could ever need (and didn't even know you needed) is all under the same roof. There's a stunningly fine jewelry selection on the first floor, while a large collection of Marc Jacobs, Gucci, Prada, and Chanel jostles for space on the second floor. The very sophisticated clothes are all displayed as mini-boutiques, showcasing renowned design labels such as Moschino and Dolce & Gabbana.

For a roundup of New York's other famous department stores, see p76

Dylan's Candy Bar *sugar-lover's dream*

8 F4

1011 3rd Avenue (at 60th St.) • 646 735 0078
www.dylanscandybar.com Open 11–9 Mon–Thu, 11–11 Fri & Sat, 11–7 Sun

Dylan Lauren, daughter of American designer Ralph Lauren, offers a fantasy for both kids and adults: a two-story candy store. Not one to do anything run-of-the mill, she stocks hard-to-find candy in tins that you'll cherish long after the contents are eaten.

Barney's New York *hip versus classic*

8 E4

660 Madison Avenue (at 60th St.) • 888 822 7639
www.barneys.com
Open 10–8 Mon–Fri, 10–7 Sat, 11–6 Sun

Too original to be called a department store and too large to be a boutique, Barney's is unique. Off-beat clothes by little-known designers are carried right next to heavy hitters, such as Marc Jacobs and Prada. The top-floor restaurant lures New York's power elite.

La Perla *luxurious lingerie*

8 E3

803 Madison Avenue (at 66th St.) • 212 570 0050
www.laperla.com
Open 10–6 Mon–Sat

Bikinis and lingerie couldn't be sexier. Glamorous and risqué tulle-knit bathing suits play peek-a-boo with the body, while the lingerie selection goes from nice to naughty in no time at all. The sporty Studio and saucy La Perla Black collections are included.

Bra Smyth *tailored bras & underwear*

8 E2

905 Madison Avenue (between 72nd & 73rd Sts) • 212 772 9400
www.brasmyth.com Open 10–6 Mon–Sat, noon–5 Sun

Just as no two snowflakes are identical, neither are two breasts – a fact not lost on Bra Smyth. With more than 3,000 bras to choose from, and full-time seam-stresses on board to customize each bra to fit perfectly, falling straps and poking underwire should never be an issue again.

Liliblue *feast of accessories for Europhiles*

8 E2

955 Madison Avenue (at 75th St.) • 212 249 5356
Open 10–6 Mon–Sat, noon–6 Sun

This French-owned boutique imports hats, scarves, purses, and other accessories from Italy and France. The reasonably priced jewelry comes mostly from two Parisian brands: Satellite and Poggi. Both are known for their bright, characterful costume jewelry and silver rings, set with semiprecious stones.

Clyde's *boutique pharmacy*

8 E2

926 Madison Avenue (at 74th St.) • 800 RXCLYDES
www.clydesonmadison.com
Open 9–7:30 Mon–Wed, Fri, 9–8 Thu, 9– 7 Sat, 10–6 Sun

Yes, Clyde's is a pharmacy in the sense that you can buy vitamins and cough syrup, but this popular neighborhood institution offers so much more. The store is stocked with high-end beauty and skincare products, candles, and imported bathroom goods.

Christian Louboutin *scarlet soles*

8 E2

941 Madison Avenue (between 74th & 75th Sts)
• 212 396 1884 Open 10–6 Mon–Sat

The quirky designs and scarlet soles that mark every Louboutin shoe signify that you've arrived in the style-conscious world of Madison Avenue. Well-heeled fans include New York socialites and Hollywood A-listers. Even if you're not buying, drop by to admire the glorious, Parisian-style interior.

Diane B *clothes & shoes for uptown girls*

8 F1

1414 3rd Avenue (at 80th St.) • 212 570 5360
Open 11–7:30 Mon–Fri, 10–6:30 Sat; closed Sun in summer

Situated in the lonely shopping territory of the far eastern Upper East Side, Diane B is a good stop for French and Italian women's clothing if you don't feel like venturing downtown. Finding a hot number isn't hard with brands such as Stephan Kelian and Vera Wang, but don't expect to find Prada and Gucci.

ABH Designs *creature comforts*

8 H1

401 East 76th Street (between Lexington & 3rd Aves)
• 212 249 2276
Open 11–6:30 Mon–Sat

Owner Aude Bronson-Howard's career as a Hollywood costume designer is evident when choosing items for her store. Linen napkins with silk trim, Italian plates, down shawls, and faux-mink slippers are some of the items that will bring a touch of luxury to any home.

Searle *coats and cashmere tops*

10 E5

1124 Madison Avenue (at 84th St.) • 212 988 7318
www.searlenyc.com
Open 10–7 Mon–Sat, noon–6:30 Sun

What began as a store focusing on stylish shearling coats has expanded to include the full gamut of delectable women's clothing. From TSE cashmere sweaters to casual lines such as Blue Dot, Trina Turk, and classic Lacoste, Searle provides a great mix of styles.

Intermix *must-have clothing*

7 C3

210 Columbus Avenue (between 69th & 70th Sts)
• 212 769 9116
Open 10–7 Mon–Sat, noon–6 Sun

Intermix is a beacon of style in the relative fashion desert of the Upper West Side, where pickings can be slim for the trend-conscious. The staff can be less than helpful, prices are high enough to leave you broke, but there's an irresistible selection of cool, slinky outfits.

Blades Board & Skate *gear for movers*

7 B2

120 West 72nd Street (between Columbus & Amsterdam Aves)
• 888 552 5233
www.blades.com Open 10–8 Mon–Sat, 10–6 Sun

The name says it all. Kneepads, goggles, and helmets are among the essential equipment sold here for skateboarders, snowboarders, and inline skaters. Make your choice from an impressive array of skates then head across the street to Central Park.

Housing Works Thrift Shop *treasures at bargain prices*

7 C2

306 Columbus Avenue (between 74th & 75th Sts)
• 212 579 7566
www.housingworks.org Open 11–7 Mon–Fri, 10–6 Sat, noon–5 Sun

This is not just a thrift shop, but a store with heart. It was conceived in 1990 by Keith Cylar and other activists as a not-for-profit shop to help homeless New Yorkers living with AIDS. Housing Works has now become the largest community-based AIDS activist group in the U.S. Cylar passed away in April 2004 after a long AIDS-related illness, but the shop continues his work.

The integrity of the project encourages New York's most stylish residents to donate anything from couches to lamps to coveted clothes. It's not uncommon to find sought-after furniture, designer clothes, antiques, and even collectable art. Despite all this, prices remain rock bottom, in contrast to other trendy thrift stores.

Super Runners *joggers paradise*

7 B1

360 Amsterdam Avenue (between 77th & 78th Sts)
• 212 787 7665
www.superrunnersshop.com Open 10–7 Mon–Fri (to 9 Thu), 10–6 Sat, noon–5 Sun

Even if you're not training for the New York marathon, this shop has a running shoe for every terrain, from the gym treadmill to Central Park nature trails. As well as trainers you can buy a watch for checking lap times.

Zabar's *top-notch deli*

7 B1

2245 Broadway (at 80th St.) • 212 787 2000
www.zabars.com
Open 8–7:30 Mon–Fri, 8–8 Sat, 9–6 Sun

Were Zabar's to close, the city could well descend into chaos. Since the 1920s, New Yorkers have relied on this family-run business for all their gourmet kitchen needs, from fine cheeses to the best smoked fish. Don't leave without buying a famous Zabar's coffee.

Xukuma *cool lifestyle store*

11 D4

183 Lenox Avenue (at 119th St.) • 212 222 0490
www.xukuma.com
Open noon–7 Wed–Sat, 10–6 Sun

Xukuma, pronounced "zoo-koo-ma," is a lifestyle store for hip city-dwellers. The shop-owners define Xukuma (a word they dreamed up) as "life the way you want it to be." Their vision encompasses homewares – groovy lamps, frames, clocks, etc. – and clothing lines that bank heavily on 1960s/70s-influenced "sista-soul" appeal.

You'll see the lanky, sexy silhouette of a black woman with an Afro (dubbed "X Girl") on everything from T-shirts to posters and cards. Her best cameo is on the tank top and panty sets emblazoned with phrases such as "obey me" and "please me." There's a range of men's underwear with "hustler," "dirty devil," and "bad boy" emblems. Xukuma also stocks gourmet food, teas, and Sia candles, as well as chandeliers and gift baskets.

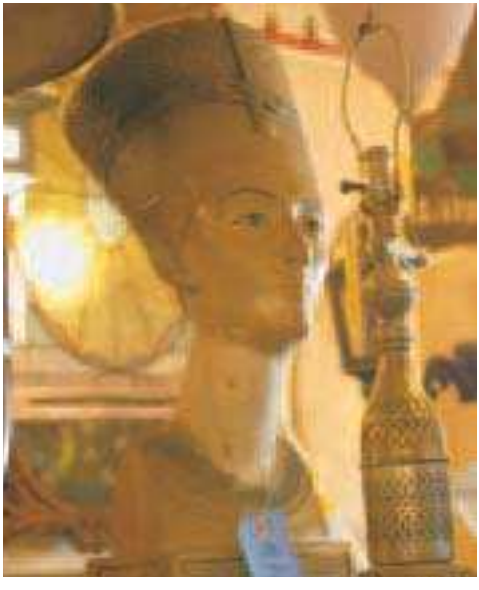
Demolition Depot *historic artifacts*

12 G3

216 East 125th Street (between 2nd & 3rd Aves) • 212 860 1138
www.demolitiondepot.com Open 10–6 Mon–Fri, 10–5 Sat

Many a New Yorker can thank Demolition Depot for helping to spruce up a bland apartment with objects from a bygone era. At the four-story warehouse in Harlem, you'll uncover treasures such as 19th-century light fixtures, mirrors that once hung in American farmhouses, fireplace mantles, and oil paintings.

Owner and antiques dealer Evan Blum salvages most of his stock from homes and buildings that are about to be destroyed. Because of this, he can buy cheap and sell a beguiling range of architectural pieces – from plumbing fixtures and door furniture to stone sculptures, stained-glass windows, gates and railings – at far more reasonable prices than you'd expect to pay at an auction. Demolition Depot's smaller items include decorative tiles, clocks, old shop signs, and NYC subway signage.



Butter *current trends for women*

13 B4

407 Atlantic Avenue (at Bond St.) • 718 260 9033
Open noon–7 Mon–Sat, noon–6 Sun

Though not completely original by NYC standards, Butter has been a ground-breaking store for Brooklyn, being the first in the neighborhood to offer top-end women's clothing. With lines such as Dries Van Noten, Rick Owens, and Rogan jeans available here, Brooklyn girls no longer have to trek across the bridge.

Bark *one-of-a-kind gifts*

13 B4

495 Atlantic Avenue (between Nevins St. & 3rd Ave.) • 718 625 8997
Open noon–7 Wed–Sat, noon–6 Sun

"Lifestyle stores" are becoming something of a phenomenon in New York, and Bark (formerly Breukelen) is hailed as the first example of this genre in Brooklyn. In old-fashioned parlance, however, Bark is an interior design store, predominantly stocking contemporary pieces, such as Japanese glass, South African wooden bowls, and jewelry by local artists.

Because the selection offered here is so unusual and distinctive, even Manhattanites are prepared to leave the island once in a while to visit it. Expensive kitchen supplies, such as coffee-makers, handmade ceramic dishes, and stainless steel mixers offer endless appeal. The wonderfully elegant Diptyque candles are the store's most affordable and best-selling items, but this is not the place for bargains.

Loom *groovy knick-knacks*

13 C4

115 7th Avenue, Brooklyn (between Carroll & President Sts) • 718 789 0061 Open 11–7 Mon–Sat, 11–6 Sun

Loom is a design store catering to the well-heeled, stroller-pushing crowd of Park Slope. Italian stationery, mod jewelry, and cute little *objets* make wonderful gifts for the friend who has everything. Come and agonize over the discerning selection of glass vases and hand-embroidered bed linen.

Nest *clutch of delectable home furnishings* 13 C5

396a 7th Avenue (between 12th & 13th Sts), Brooklyn
• 718 965 3491 Open noon–7 Mon, 11–7 Tue–Sat, noon–6 Sun

When graphic designer Jihan Kim and his wife decided to settle down together and have a baby, they decided to open a store that would combine this cozy time in their lives and their artistic backgrounds. Thus Nest was born (and their baby girl) to fill the niche in Park Slope for off-beat *objets* and furniture for starting a home.

Their range of products for a groovy home include sleek, handmade ceramic vases – made by Kim's aunt – and Japanese mugs with bold graphic prints. Nest also stocks hand-embroidered pillows and stylish window shades, tiny wooden children's chairs in bold colors (really adorable), and space-age Blue Dot desks, made of white Lucite. The perfect buy if space is tight in your suitcase are Nest's giant, adhesive dots, which come in bright colors and are designed to decorate walls, ceilings, and floors.

Mini Minimarket *ironic girly lifestyle store* 13 B2

218 Bedford Avenue (at N. 5th St.) • 718 302 9337
» www.miniminimarket.com Open noon–8 daily

A hodgepodge of all things cool, this store has everything for the hipster Williamsburg girl: playful jewelry, fashions from Tokyo, sexy underwear, Gola trainers, and 1980s-inspired tops. The minimarket stocks only small quantities of each item, so it's unlikely you'll find anyone else wearing the same thing.

Spoonbill & Sugartown Booksellers *rare tomes* 13 B2

218 Bedford Avenue (at N. 5th St.) • 718 387 7322
Open 11–9 daily

Books on painting, photography, architecture, and graphic design cater to Brooklyn's bohemians. At the back of the store, you'll find used books on everything from religion to geography. What you won't find is anything off the current *New York Times* best-seller list.

Spacial *high-end crafts*

13 B2

199 Bedford Avenue (at N. 6th St.) • 718 599 7962
www.spacialetc.com 11–9 Mon–Sat, noon–8 Sun

Spacial (sic) feels simultaneously folksy and urban. In the window are handmade ponchos, clogs, and precious children's clothes. Step inside to find highly stylized lamps, jewelry, and bowls, as well as imported design journals and soaps. The only factor that unites all these items is their evident coolness.

Isa *trend-setting clothes*

13 B2

88 North 6th Street (between Berry & Wythe Aves)
• 718 387 3363 Open 1–9 Mon–Fri, noon–10 Sat, noon–8 Sun

Walking into Isa is like stumbling upon the closet of pop prince Justin Timberlake. An array of vintage-looking (but new) T-shirts adorn the wall, each bearing a dramatic or provocative slogan, such as "Hold On To Young Ideas," and "Dine At The Y." Another popular design is Jean-Michel Basquiat's image of Cassius Clay. The hip urban gear includes limited-edition Nikes, high-end Levi's, and a selection of expensive sweaters.

Beautiful people work the counter, and DJs spin the sounds to remind you what a very cool shop this is. But Isa is not just a great boutique selling of-the-moment clothes; it also functions as a gallery and "happening" space in the heart of Brooklyn's fast up-and-coming Williamsburg district. The owner, Isa, often moves the clothing racks to one side and turns the place into an all-night DJ dance party.

Beacon's Closet *vintage clothes trader*

13 B1

88 North 11th Street (between Berry & Wythe Aves)
• 718 486 0816
www.beaconscloset.com Open 12–9 Mon–Fri, 11–8 Sat & Sun

Sick of all your old clothes? Then take them to Beacon's Closet and either sell your garments for cash or trade them for in-store credit. In the shop, you'll find lots of second-hand clothing and accessories for men and women. There are also brand-new CDs.

Earwax *sounds to clean out your ears*

13 B2

218 Bedford Avenue (at N. 5th St.) • 718 486 3771
Open noon–8 Mon–Thu, 11–9 Fri–Sat

Earwax is the antithesis of record store chains: there is no adjoining coffee shop/bookstore and you can't pre-listen to CDs. But what you do get is a hand-picked selection of music that won't let you down. New CDs are biased towards indie rock, while the formidable second-hand section runs the full gamut of tastes.

Fortuna *boutique clothes store*

13 C2

370 Metropolitan Avenue (at Havermeyer St.) • 718 486 2682
Open 3–10 Tue & Wed, 2–10 Thu & Fri, noon–10 Sat & Sun

It is very hard to visit this old-school style salon and leave empty handed. All the beautifully displayed vintage men's and women's clothes are carefully selected by the owner, who scours the country in her search. There are slips from the 1930s, wedge shoes from the 1970s, and even the occasional top hat.

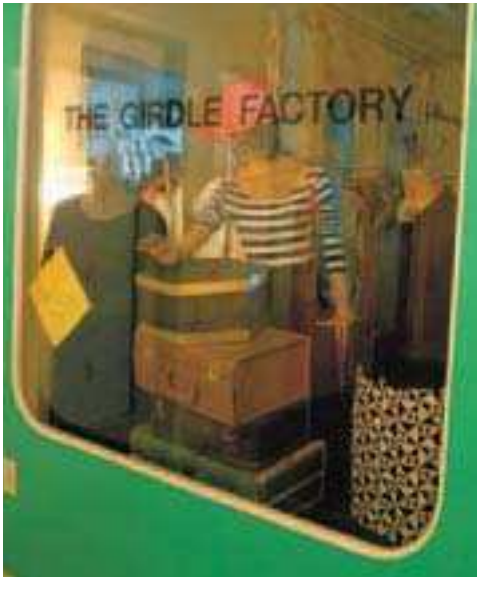
MiniMall *alternative retail space*

2 C4

218 Bedford Avenue (at N. 5th St.)
Stores at MiniMall have differing opening times, but most are open between 10 and 7 daily

Located on Williamsburg's hippest boulevard *(see p165)*, the MiniMall is one of the best places for shopping and lounging in Brooklyn. This retail space-cum-club house takes up the entire ground floor of a loft building, and houses myriad stores.

Once inside the cavernous entryway (where computers and tables are set up for Internet perusal), you can venture into shops such as **The Girdle Factory**, in which vintage treasures can be found (a $30 Gucci wallet!). **Otte**, on the other hand, sells only what the uptown girl wants: Seven jeans and flirty dresses. **Go Yoga** offers some of the best yoga classes in the city, and the **Tibet Boutique** will help you look the part. One of the most popular stores is the **UVA Wine Shop**. There, you'll find young connoisseurs deliberating over their purchases.



Astroturf *vintage homewares*

13 B4

290 Smith Street (between Union & Sackett Sts)
• **718 522 6182** Open noon–7 Wed–Fri, 11–7 Sat, 11–5 Sun

There is something comforting about setting foot into this Cobble Hill homewares and furniture store. It's almost as if you've just stepped into a really groovy grandmother's attic. Astroturf sells everything that was left carelessly behind from the 1950s and 60s: orange plastic bowl sets, curvy lamps, now-prized vintage lunchboxes, turquoise coffee thermoses, and Formica tables. Everything in this store yells – no, screams – kitsch!

If all the fun and funky appeal is too much for the pottery-barn aesthetic you have studiously cultivated in your home, take a sleekly sculpted ashtray or vase to add a dash of *Austin Powers* grooviness to your decor. There are shelves and shelves of knick-knacks, so the choices are practically endless. Best of all, prices are still pretty retro here, so you can afford to have fun with the cheap-and-chic look.

Two Jakes *period furniture*

13 B2

320 Wythe Avenue (between Grand & S. 1st Sts)
• **718 782 7780**
www.twojakes.com Open 11–7 Tue–Sun

Head to this industrial-chic area of Williamsburg for used metal office furniture that would be triple the price if it were sold in SoHo. Two Jakes' massive warehouse space offers classic 20th-century office furniture in remarkably good condition.

Moon River Chattel *farmhouse furniture*

13 B2

62 Grand Street (between Wythe & Kent Aves) • 718 388 1121
Open noon–7 Wed–Sat, noon–5 Sun

In the urban jungle of Brooklyn sits a store that offers items more befitting a country cottage than a city pad. Light fixtures look as if they were taken from an early 20th-century soda shop, old clocks tick ponderously, wooden tables carry the burden of age, and appliances seem more artistic than purposeful.

art & architecture

New York is the pre-eminent city for Modernist art and architecture, famously evident in its towering skyscrapers and in the unsurpassed collections of the Guggenheim and the Whitney. Along with great cultural icons, such as The Met and Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York also has a thriving contemporary art scene, split between Manhattan's galleries and a dynamic community of artists in Brooklyn.

U.S. Custom House *Beaux Arts affair*

1 D5

1 Bowling Green (between State & Whitehall Sts)
www.nmai.si.edu Open 10–5 daily (to 8 Thu)

New York's grandest example of Beaux Arts architecture has figures representing the four continents incorporated into its facade. They were sculpted by Daniel Chester French, most famous for his work at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. The National Museum of the American Indian is housed here.

St. Paul's Chapel *New York's oldest*

1 D3

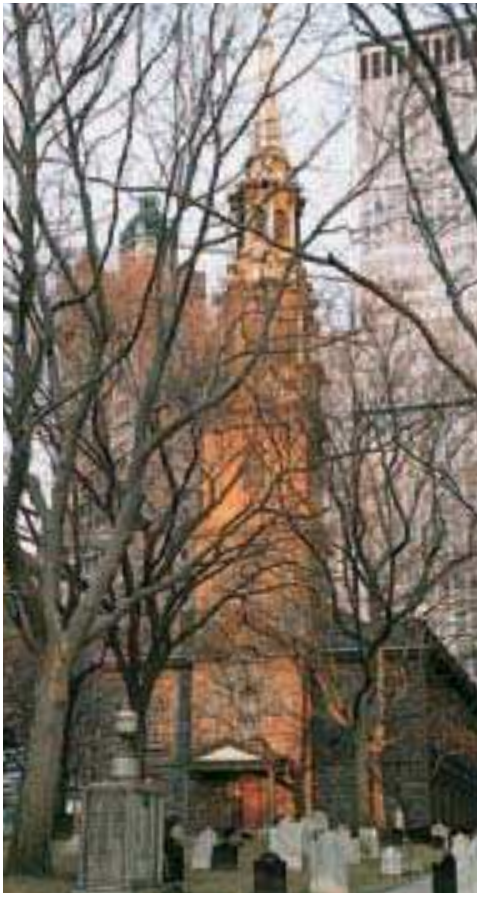
209 Broadway (between Fulton & Vesey Sts)
www.saintpaulschapel.org Open 10–6 Mon–Sat, 9–4 Sun

It has served the residents of Lower Manhattan for well over 200 years, but St. Paul's Chapel gained wider public attention in the wake of the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center, when it acted as a steadfast beacon for New Yorkers.

Modelled on St.-Martin-in-the-Fields in London, the church was completed in 1766, making it New York's oldest building in continuous use. George Washington worshipped here during the two-year period (1789–91) when New York served as the nation's capital. His pew is singled out, and above it hangs what is believed to be the first oil painting of the Great Seal of the United States – the image of the bald eagle, with a red-and-white striped shield, thirteen arrows, and an olive branch.

The chapel bore witness to another kind of history on September 11, 2001, as debris from the collapsing North Tower of the World Trade Center rained down, cloaking the building in pale ash. Within hours of the catastrophe, St. Paul's converted into a base for recovery squads. Firefighters, police officers, and medical personnel ate, slept, and grieved here, while volunteers ministered, the city's top chefs cooked, and students from the Julliard School of Music performed impromptu concerts.

The chapel has an exhibition of memorabilia and testimonies from 9/11 survivors called *Out of the Dust: A Year of Ministry at Ground Zero*.



Ground Zero *poignant reconstruction site* 1 C3

Pedestrian platform (at Vesey & West Sts)
» www.renewnyc.com

In 2002, the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation – in collaboration with families of victims, local business owners, and politicians – selected a master plan for Ground Zero: site of the former World Trade Center. The design was by Daniel Libeskind, an architect renowned for his ground-breaking Holocaust Museum in Germany. His scheme intended to retain the twin towers' footprints at 30 ft (9 m) below sidewalk level, creating a contemplative space for a memorial. But the most dramatic part of his design was an astonishing 1,776-ft (540-m) skyscraper, the Freedom Tower, its height echoing the date of the signing of the Declaration of Independence – 1776.

Libeskind's designs have undergone significant alterations, however. Until it is completed, visitors can view the site from a platform. The memorial is scheduled to open in 2006, with a museum to follow.

Skyscraper Museum *homage to height* 1 D5

39 Battery Place • 212 968 1961
» www.skyscraper.org
Open noon–6 Wed–Sun

After seven years bouncing from one office lobby to the next, the Skyscraper Museum finally found a home in 2004. One of the city's most ingeniously designed museums, it honors its soaring subjects through illusion and intriguing details. Freestanding white columns are vertically reflected between stainless steel floors and mirrored ceilings, creating the appearance of infinite height. Throughout this echoing space, architectural fragments from Manhattan's most notable skyscrapers are displayed. The museum contextualizes New York's 100 year-old obsession with building tall in terms of economic cycles, an interesting counterpoint to the apparent brashness of the form. The museum also mounts temporary exhibitions, and future shows are set to redress the current NY bias with more international subjects. **Adm**

Woolworth Building *pinnacled tower* 1 D2

Gothic in style and topped off by a green turret, the Woolworth Building is utterly distinct from its clean-edged, Lower Manhattan neighbors. Erected in 1913 for the houseware-catalogue magnate Frank Woolworth, it was, at 55 stories, the tallest structure in New York until the 1930s, when the Chrysler Building was constructed. The nave-like lobby contains a statue depicting the thrifty Mr. Woolworth counting his dimes.

Broken Kilometer *relative distance* 3 D5

393 West Broadway (between Spring & Broome Sts)
• 212 989 5566 (Dia offices)
www.brokenkilometer.org Check website for opening times

In five parallel rows, 500 gleaming brass rods lie on a SoHo hardwood floor in Walter De Maria's 1979 installation. Laid end to end, the rods would measure exactly one kilometer. The seemingly straightforward work plays with perspective and is loved by mathematicians.

Earth Room *deep, dark soil* 3 D4

141 Wooster Street (between Houston & Prince Sts)
• 212 989 5566 (Dia offices)
www.earthroom.org Check website for opening times

Commissioned by the trailblazing Dia Art Foundation, Walter De Maria's *Earth Room* (1977) is a white-walled exhibition space, filled to a depth of about 2 ft (55 cm) with moist, dark soil. The third of De Maria's earth sculptures, it is the only one still in existence.

Contemporary Art Galleries

Some of the hottest galleries in the contemporary art world are grouped in Manhattan. The SoHo nexus, comprising Wooster, Grand, Greene, and Spring streets, boasts the highest concentration of galleries. **Deitch Projects** mounts some of the area's most highly anticipated shows, from paintings inspired by skateboard design to performances. Chelsea has welcomed defecting SoHo dealers for years. **Pace Wildenstein** and **Mary Boone** have Chelsea outposts as well as midtown locations, and **Larry Gagosian's** little empire, extending from Beverly Hills to London, mounts prestigious exhibitions at his large Chelsea space. Elsewhere, Chinatown's **Leo Koenig Gallery** deals in lively work from emerging artists. For individual contact details, *see p225*.

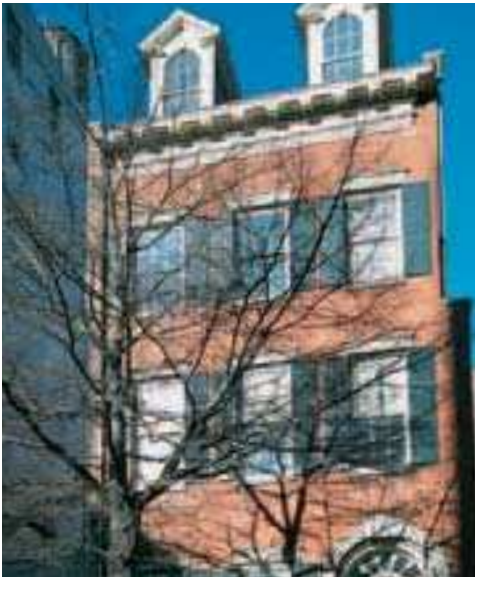
Lower East Side Tenement Museum *home of NY's early immigrants*

4 F5

90 & 97 Orchard Street (at Broome St.) • 212 431 0233
»www.tenement.org
Open for guided tours only: Sep–Jun Tue–Sun, Jul & Aug Mon

In the heart of the old garment district in the Lower East Side, the Tenement Museum offers an enlightening overview of how pioneering immigrants lived and worked in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Guided tours explore an 1863 tenement, which was home to some 7,000 immigrants from 20 countries during its 72 years as a residential building.

Engaging tour guides lead visitors through the humble, virtually unchanged units, peppering biographical accounts of former tenants' lives with fascinating facts about the neighborhood's social organizations, businesses, sights, sounds, and smells. It is advisable to book a few days ahead. The museum also arranges historical walking tours of the Lower East Side. **Adm**



Merchant's House Museum *19th-century opulence*

4 E3

29 East 4th Street (between Lafayette St. & Bowery) • 212 777 1089
»www.merchantshouse.com Open noon–5 Thu–Mon

Between the Bowery's punk-rock bars and Broadway's name-brand shops rises a magnificent Federal-style house of around 1832. It is one of the last vestiges of a prosperous merchant-class suburbia that once thrived in downtown Manhattan. The hardware-importing Tredwell family lived here until 1933, resisting the late-19th century trend among Manhattan's elite to construct estates bordering Central Park.

Opened as a museum in 1936, the Merchant's House provides an unparalleled glimpse into how the high life was lived in mid-19th-century Manhattan. Tours (weekdays only) take visitors through a Greek Revival interior of Ionic columns, ornate plasterwork, and beautiful marble mantelpieces. The backyard garden offers arbors and 19th-century iron furniture. **Adm**

Jefferson Market Courthouse *architectural treasure*

3 C2

425 Avenue of the Americas (at 10th St.) • 212 243 4334

www.nypl.org Open Mon–Sat Check website for opening times

The fairytale Venetian-Gothic courthouse was saved when local residents campaigned to have it converted into a public library. The former civic court is now the library's main reading room and the children's reading room occupies the police court.

Forbes Magazine Gallery *toys/games*

3 D2

60 5th Avenue (at W. 12th St.) • 212 206 5548

Open 10–4 Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat

The private art estate of publishing magnate Malcolm Forbes is displayed here. Although his unrivaled Fabergé egg collection recently sold for $100 million, visitors can still glimpse a frivolous side to the notoriously pragmatic Mr. Forbes in his vintage toy collection and staggering array of boardgames.

Block Beautiful *decorous abodes*

4 E1

Among Manhattan's most picturesque residential blocks is this fanciful melange of Tudor, late-Federal, and brownstone houses. Attractive paint schemes, varied door arch designs, and intricate wrought-iron gates distinguish each home from the next. In fair weather, the block enchants with window-mounted planter boxes brimful of color, and slender trees sprouting acid-green leaves.

Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology *past and future trends*

5 D4

7th Avenue (at 27th St.) • 212 217 5970

www.fitnyc.suny.edu Open noon–8 Tue–Fri, 10–5 Sat

Do Andy Warhol's early footwear sketches bear hints of future greatness? Contemplate this question and scores of other fashion designs at F.I.T.'s free museum. Special exhibitions draw on the school's textile, illustration, and photography collections.

Midtown Deco *classic buildings*

6 F1–6 G2

Evoking an age of tuxedoed jazz orchestras, jet-black limousines, high hems, and cocked fedoras, midtown's Art Deco skyscrapers are, for many, quintessential emblems of New York. Beyond the well-known destinations (most obviously the **Empire State Building**, *see p18*) rise equally impressive yet less-visited landmarks. The following buildings are not open to the public, but you can admire the exteriors and nearly always venture into the foyers, which often contain the buildings' most elaborate designs. The **General Electric Building** (570 Lexington Avenue), for example, has a rare, nickel-silver embellished lobby. Over on 42nd Street, look for the **Chanin Building's** intricately carved facade and doorway with elaborate, gold-plated convector grilles (122 East 42nd Street at Lexington Avenue). Also on 42nd Street, you'll find a huge revolving globe and antiquated weather instrumentation in the lobby of the **New York Daily News Building** (220 East 42nd Street). Though not a hidden gem, the shimmering **Chrysler Building** (405 Lexington Avenue) is a revelation if you've never seen the lobby; mosaics, multicolored African marble, and whimsical automotive motifs make it a must-see.

International Center of Photography *massive photo archive*

5 D2

1133 Avenue of the Americas (at 43rd St.) • 212 860 0000
www.icp.org Open 10–6 Tue–Thu, 10–8 Fri, 10–6 Sat & Sun

Combining a school, an archive, and frequent exhibitions, the ICP is one of the world's biggest centers of photography. The subject of a show here might be historical – a 1920s French avant-gardist, perhaps – or contemporary, such as reportage from Iraq. **Adm**

Whitney Museum of American Art at Altria

6 F2

120 Park Avenue (at 42nd St.) • 917 663 2453
www.whitney.org
Open 11–6 Mon–Fri, to 7:30 (Thu); sculpture gdn 7:30–9:30 Mon–Sat, 11–7 Sun & hols

The airy, bright lobby of Altria Group, Inc. serves as an exhibition space for cutting-edge contemporary art. There are two spaces, in fact – an intimate gallery and a glass-walled indoor sculpture court. The focus of the exhibition program is emerging contemporary artists. Recent shows put the spotlight on Mark Bradford, Louis Gispert, and Dario Robleto.

Rose Museum at Carnegie Hall *musical memorabilia*

7 D5

154 West 57th Street, 2nd Floor (at 7th Ave.) • 212 903 9600
www.carnegiehall.org Open 11–4:30 daily

The Rose Museum gives an insight into the status of the prestigious Carnegie Hall *(see p125)* and is a treasure trove of intriguing memorabilia, from concert programs to vintage costumes. For tours of the concert hall (11:30, 2, and 3, Mon–Fri Sep–Jun) call 212 903 9765.

Icons

Ever since King Kong scaled the **Empire State Building** *(see p18)* in his 1933 film debut, the 86th-floor observatory has been a compulsory visitor destination. Eleven blocks south, the **Flatiron Building** was New York's first skyscraper (1902). In midtown, **Grand Central Terminal** (Map 6 F2) is a Beaux Arts sculpture brought to frenetic life each morning.

You can shop for souvenirs, buy fresh goods at the market, and count stars twinkling on the concourse ceiling. Nearby **Times Square** is site of dizzying neon lights and the world's most famous New Year's Eve celebration. Stately **Brooklyn Bridge** was one of the world's first steel-cable suspension bridges – walk across it for majestic views of Manhattan and glimpses of the **Statue of Liberty** *(see p12)*.

Museum of Modern Art *home at last* 8 E5

11 West 53rd Street (between 5th & 6th Aves) • 212 708 9400
www.moma.org Open 10:30–5:30 Mon–Sun (to 8 Fri)

After leading itinerant lives in cities around the world and in a temporary space in Queens, MoMA's most highly prized holdings have returned to their dramatically revamped six-story gallery back in Manhattan. Reopened in late 2004 after the most ambitious building project of the museum's 75-year history, MoMA has reaffirmed its status as the world's foremost modern art institution.

Yoshio Taniguchi's renovation has doubled the museum's exhibition capacity and restored one of its most beloved attributes, the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden. The redesign also incorporates a smart new restaurant. Set off by the refreshed gallery spaces, the collection continues to impress, with such delights as Vincent Van Gogh's *Starry Night*, Picasso's formidable *Les Demoiselles d'Avignon*, and Dalí's seminal *The Persistence of Memory.* **Adm**

Whitney Museum of American Art *America's finest* 8 E2

945 Madison Avenue (at E. 75th St.) • 800 Whitney
www.whitney.org Open 11–6 Wed, Thu, Sat & Sun, 1–9 Fri

As with Frank Lloyd Wright's Guggenheim building *(see p104)*, Marcel Breuer's cantilevered Whitney is more than just a home for an art collection, it is a statement of radical intent. Built in the mid-1960s, it is distinctive, powerful and Modernist, reflecting the strongest elements of the exclusively American art it holds. The permanent collection boasts works by Warhol, Pollock, and Jasper Johns, and by abstract sculptors David Smith and Alexander Calder. It also has an extensive collection of paintings by Georgia O'Keeffe and Edward Hopper.

The Whitney's program of temporary exhibitions is excellent, including one-person retrospectives (Philip Guston, for example) and themed shows, such as on film and video (shorts by John Baldessari and Ed Ruscha were shown in 2004). **Adm**

The Whitney's famed biennial (next in 2006) showcases the best new and established American artists

Frick Collection *art in a glorious setting*

8 E2

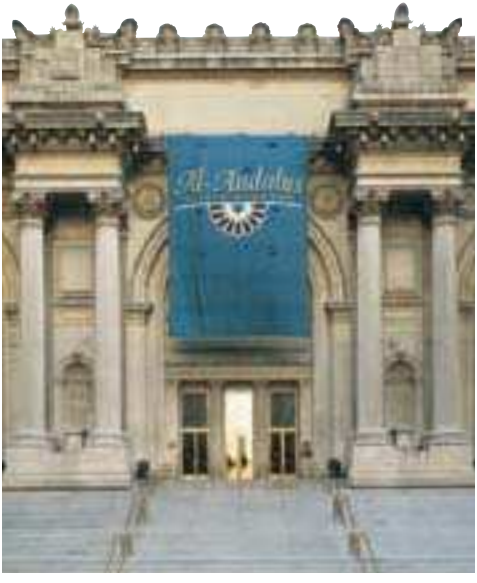
1 East 70th Street (at 5th Ave.) • 212 288 0700

www.frick.org Open 10–6 Tue–Sat, 1–6 Sun

The family of steel tycoon Henry Clay Frick bequeathed their Fifth Avenue mansion to the city shortly after Henry's death in 1919. Included in the gift was one of the country's most spectacular collections of fine and decorative arts, spanning more than five centuries, from the Renaissance to the late 19th century.

Henry took incredible care over situating his most prized pieces in specific rooms and halls, a habit not forgotten by the collection's present directors, who may arrange entire floorpans in order to showcase one single piece. The Whistler portraits in the Oval Room, for example, are a mere backdrop to the room's main focal point, Houdon's life-size sculpture *Diana the Huntress*. The capacious West Gallery is more egalitarian with its hanging arrangements, granting Old Masters Rembrandt, Velásquez, Van Dyck, and Goya equal wallspace. On the rich, oak-paneled walls of the intimate Living Hall, at the heart of the residence, are major works by Titian, El Greco, and Bellini. Elsewhere are Jan van Eyck's *Virgin and Child with Saints and Donor*, El Greco's fearsome *The Purification of the Temple*, and Holbein's luminous portrait of *Sir Thomas More*.

However, it's the house itself that makes a visit so unforgettable. Furnishings range from Louis XVI opulence to 19th-century English restraint. Plant-filled atriums and a charming outdoor garden, with graceful magnolia trees and views of Central Park, also add extra dimensions to the Frick experience. **Adm**



Metropolitan Museum of Art *cultural behemoth*

8 E1

1000 5th Avenue (between 80th & 83rd Sts) • 212 535 7710
www.metmuseum.org 9:30–5:30 Tue–Sun (to 9 Fri & Sat)

The Met's two million objects form one of the world's largest museum collections. Among the myriad galleries of the hulking Beaux Arts structure are estimable collections of Egyptian artifacts, Islamic art, and European paintings. Among the paintings are works by Renaissance giants Botticelli and Leonardo, and canvases by Rembrandt, Cézanne, and Monet.

If the prospect of such a vast museum seems daunting, consider attending an informal gallery talk. More in-depth than the museum highlight tours, they are led by art historians and offer the opportunity to learn more about specific works. Check the Met's website for the talks calendar. Also note the Met's highly varied program of temporary exhibitions, which range from ancient Chinese art to the photographs of Diane Arbus and a Max Ernst retrospective. **Adm**

Museum of Television and Radio *classic footage & recordings*

8 E5

25 West 52nd Street (between 5th & 6th Aves) • 212 621 6800
www.mtr.org Open noon–6 Tue–Sun (to 8 Thu)

Yearning to revisit a classic *Muppets* episode? This museum exists for just such desires, with its streams of vintage newsreel, landmark radio broadcasts, and classic comedy shows. There's a huge archive too. **Adm**

Asia Society *Asian arts*

8 F2

725 Park Avenue (at 70th St.) • 212 288 6400
www.asiasociety.org Open 11–6 Tue–Sun (to 9 Fri)

The superb Asian art collection of American philanthropist John D. Rockefeller III is housed in this bright, modern building. Japanese screens and bronze Buddhist deities are among the exhibits spread throughout a series of galleries. Shows by contemporary Asian and Asian-American artists are often staged, and the building acts as a venue for performances of Asian music and dance. **Adm**

Guggenheim Museum

10 E4

1071 5th Avenue (at 89th St.) • 212 423 3500
www.guggenheim.org
Open 10–5:45 Sat–Wed, 10–8 Fri

With museums now bearing the name in Las Vegas, Venice, Berlin, New York, and Bilbao in Spain, "Guggenheim" has penetrated the world's cultural vocabulary. But before becoming the art-world juggernaut that it is today, Guggenheim was simply the surname of Solomon, a private collector who wanted to publicly exhibit his collection of abstract art.

In the minds of Guggenheim and his advisor, the painter and curator Hilla Rebay, the collection required a new kind of gallery space – one that complemented the pioneering, iconoclastic form of the paintings in his collection. What resulted was one of the world's most instantly recognizable buildings. Designed by American Modernist architect Frank Lloyd Wright, the building shattered notions of rectilinear exhibition space. Rather than walk through traditional galleries and wings, only to turn around and experience the same art while returning to the entrance hall, visitors were encouraged to ride elevators to the top of a spiral-shaped tower, the Great Rotunda, and descend via a gently sloping ramp along the spiral's perimeter. Adorning the tower's walls were works by Wassily Kandinsky, Piet Mondrian, and Joan Miró.

This specific vision for the building is no longer upheld, however. Some six years after the building's completion in 1959, the strictly abstract collection was augmented with figurative works by Impressionists Cézanne, Degas, and Renoir, and with paintings by Van Gogh and Picasso. The building was extended, and today the Great Rotunda is used only for temporary exhibitions, while the permanent collection is housed in the adjoining Tower. The Small Rotunda is used to display the "greatest hits" of the Impressionist and Post-Impressionist collection. The museum's temporary shows tend to relate to the Modern Movement, some very obviously, such as the conceptual abstraction of Daniel Buren, others more obliquely, such as art from the Aztec Empire, which influenced some early 20th-century avant-garde painters. **Adm**

Museum of the City of New York 10 E2

focus on New York
1250 5th Avenue (at E. 103rd St.) • 212 534 1672
www.mcny.org
Open 10–5 Tue–Sun

Dedicated to New york's development from its past to its present and future, this museum is housed in a handsome Georgian Colonial building, noted for period rooms from actual homes. Donations appreciated.

The Jewish Museum *all things Jewish* 10 E4

1109 5th Avenue (at 92nd St.) • 212 423 3200
www.thejewishmuseum.org
Open 11–5:45 Sun–Wed, 11–8 Thu, 11–3 Fri

The Jewish Museum presents an unparalleled overview of Jewish art and culture. A stunning French Gothic house holds four floors of ceremonial art, photographs, paintings, textiles, sculptures, and video screenings. Each piece in the permanent collection – whether it be a self-portrait by Viennese artist Max Beckmann, a 3,000-year-old ceramic vase, or a vibrant 19th-century quilt from a Jerusalem workshop – encourages the viewer to explore how the object informs, or is informed by, Jewish identity.

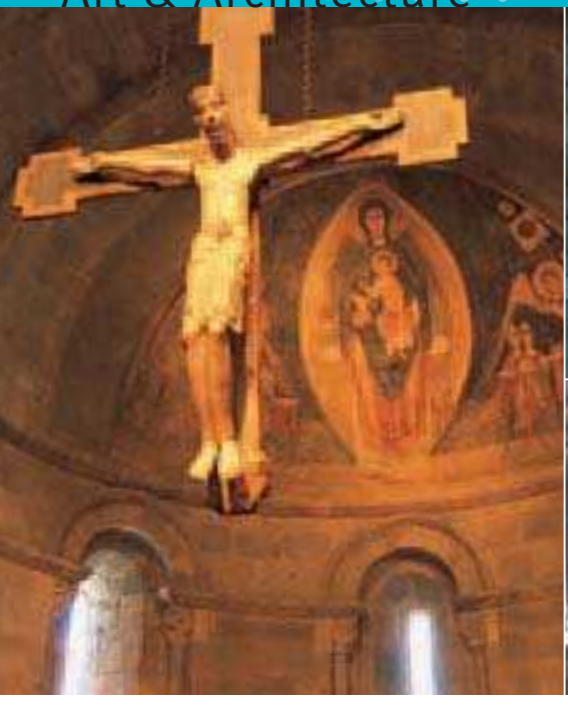
Popular temporary exhibitions take place on the ground floor, such as *Kafka's Prague* and *Entertaining America: Jews, Media, and Broadcasting*, as well as retrospectives of individual Jewish artists, such as Marc Chagall and Chaim Soutine. A kosher café in the basement is on hand for refreshments.

Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum *design classics* 10 E4

2 East 91st Street (at 5th Ave.) • 212 849 8400
www.ndm.si.edu Open 10–5 Tue–Thu, 10–9 Fri, 10–6 Sat, noon–6 Sun

Housed in the imposing Andrew Carnegie mansion, the Cooper-Hewitt is a shrine to design in all its forms. Exhibits range from a sketch of candelabra by Michelangelo to highly coveted Eames chairs. **Adm**

Access to one of the biggest garden terraces in New York is another highlight of the Cooper-Hewitt



The Cloisters *portal to the Middle Ages*

Fort Tryon Park • 212 923 3700 • M4 bus or A train to 190th St.
>> www.metmuseum.org
Open 9:30–5:15 Tue–Sun (to 4:45 Nov–Feb)

One of New York's most cherished assets seems, paradoxically, about as native to the Manhattan landscape as a Boston Red Sox fan at the Yankee Stadium. The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Cloisters is a neo-medieval composite of stained glass, painstakingly landscaped gardens, cavernous halls, and solemn chapels grafted onto the craggy northern fringes of Manhattan island.

It was the philanthropic might of John D. Rockefeller Jr. that facilitated the building's construction in 1938. The project was undertaken to provide a harmonious context for displaying the Met's superb collection of medieval European art and architecture. It provides a splendid setting for such masterpieces as Robert Campin's *Annunciation* triptych of 1425. It also integrates relics of medieval buildings, such as a 900-year-old apse from a Spanish church, seamlessly woven into a limestone wall. Elsewhere, a unicorn hunt is vibrantly portrayed through a series of 16th-century Dutch tapestries, and scores of ecclesiastical objects from the length and breadth of Europe are scattered throughout the complex. So complete is the illusion of medieval Europe that the Cloisters creates, the visitor experiences a sensation of distance, both temporal and geographical. Glimpsing New Jersey's rugged cliffs across the Hudson through a 12th-century portico is positively disorientating.

Turning to more earthly needs, during warm months visitors can stave off hunger at the on-site café in Bonnefort Cloister. But savvy diners take lunch at the nearby New Leaf Café *(see p51)* for moderately priced bistro fare, such as juicy sirloin burgers. **Adm**

El Museo del Barrio *Latin art*

10 E2

1230 5th Avenue (at 104th St.) • 212 831 7272
www.elmuseo.org Open 11–5 Wed–Sun (to 8 Thu)

Founded in 1969 by artists and activists from Spanish Harlem, El Museo del Barrio was a response to the lack of exhibition space for specifically Puerto Rican art. Since then, the museum has broadened its scope to the whole of the Caribbean and Latin America.

The permanent collection spans two millennia of art production, from Pre-Columbian artifacts to prints, paintings, installations, and film and video works by the latest generation of Latin American artists. Among more than 8,000 objects are wooden *santos* (colorful, often comical, depictions of Catholic saints that incorporate Afro-Caribbean motifs); fascinating documents of the early years of immigration in New York; and films of life in Spanish Harlem from the 1970s to the present day. The adjoining Teatro Heckscher is an enchanting venue for live Caribbean music, film screenings, and book readings. **Adm**

Studio Museum in Harlem

11 D3

144 West 125th Street (between Lenox & 8th Aves)
• 212 864 4500
www.studiomuseum.org Open noon–6 Wed–Sun (from 10 Sat)

The SMH is a contemporary art gallery and resource specializing in African-American culture. As well as a large permanent collection, there are temporary exhibitions, including work by young photographers.

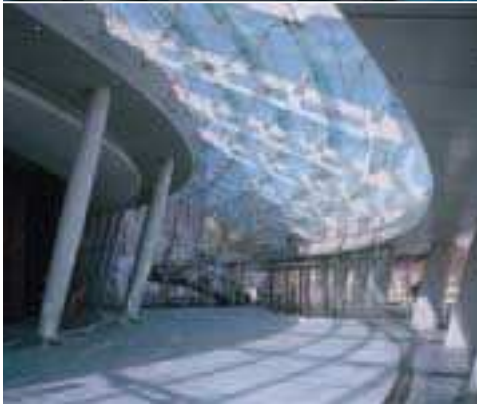
Prospect Park West *beautiful setting*

13 C5

Between Union and 15th Streets
www.prospectpark.org

This genteel stretch of 19th-century brownstone, brick, and limestone residences borders Prospect Park. Beginning at Grand Army Plaza's majestic Memorial Arch, a southward stroll takes you past the imposing bronze statue of the Marquis de LaFayette at 9th Street, the park's Concert Shell, and beautiful playgrounds.

Prospect Park was landscaped by Olmsted & Vaux, the designers who also laid out Central Park



Brooklyn Museum of Art *world-class repository*

13 D4

200 Eastern Parkway • 718 638 5000
www.brooklynmuseum.org
Open 10–5 Wed–Fri, 11–6 Sat & Sun (to 11 first Sat of month)

The Beaux Arts BMA dates from 1893 and has as diverse and staggering a collection as its larger cross-river contemporary, the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This is no idle boast – spread over the five floors of the BMA is a collection that embraces Egyptian sarcophagi and mummy cases; statues, masks, and jewelry from Central Africa; Hiroshige's woodblock prints of *One Hundred Famous Views of Edo*; and a vast selection of paintings and sculpture from Europe and America, including works by Rodin, Degas, Pissaro, Matisse, Louise Bourgeois, and Mark Rothko. There is also a strong photography collection, with significant prints by Edward Weston and Paul Strand. On the Fifth floor, *American Identities* explores the American dream through exhibits that range from Native American totems to Georgia O'Keefe's 1948 meditation *Brooklyn Bridge*.

The BMA's First Saturday events (first Saturday of every month) make for one of the city's best nights out: free admission after 5pm, free concerts and dance performances, and a bar (cash only). **Adm**

Williamsburg Galleries

Priced out of Manhattan's lofts and studios during the late 1980s, frustrated but intrepid artists boarded the L Train and disembarked in Williamsburg, until then a predominantly Polish and Hasidic Jewish working-class neighborhood. There they found vacant industrial warehouses, which were easily converted into studios. Since then, Williamsburg artists have influenced tastes and styles worldwide, from fashion to painting to music. Supporting the neighborhood's visual arts scene from a spectacular c.1867 building is the **Williamsburg Art & Historical Center** (135 Broadway at Bedford Avenue), which mounts eclectic shows and performances by local artists. **Pierogi 2000** (177 North 9th Street) artists exhibit around the world, but visitors will always see at least one local artist featured at any time. Since 1992, not-for-profit **Momenta Art** (72 Berry Street) has given two artists per exhibition cycle a forum for what is often their first non-group show. The touring **Eyewash** gallery is quintessential Williamsburg: artists exhibit in multiple spaces around the neighborhood. Check **www.freewilliamsburg.com** for the latest exhibition information. For contact details of all the galleries mentioned here, *see p225*.

Brooklyn Historical Society *local culture, historical setting*

2 H5

128 Pierrepont Street (at Clinton St.) • 718 222 4111
www.brooklynhistory.org
Open 10–5 Wed–Sat, noon–5 Sun

Thousands of Brooklyn-related objects, from slave deeds to Brooklyn Dodgers baseball memorabilia, are housed in a stunning 1880s mansion. The BHS also arranges walking tours and outdoor concerts. **Adm**

Williamsburg Savings Bank Building *opulent interior*

13 C4

1 Hanson Place, corner of Flatbush & Atlantic avenues

At night, Brooklyn's tallest building is distinguished by the neon red clock face of its 512-ft (156-m) tower. But the greatest highlight of this building (currently a branch of the HSBC bank) is its Neo-Romanesque interior: imposing iron chandeliers, mosaic-covered ceilings, intricately tiled floors, and graceful arches.

P.S.1 MOMA *cutting-edge contemporary art*

22–25 Jackson Avenue (at 46th Ave.) • 718 784 2084 • E or V to 23 St./Ely Ave, 7 to 45 Rd./Courthouse Sq.
www.ps1.org Open noon–6 Thu–Mon

Modern art aficionados with adventurous tastes and an urge to break from the SoHo and Chelsea scenes need only venture as far as Long Island City to experience one of the world's foremost contemporary art institutions. Housed inside a late-19th-century high school building, P.S.1 consistently presents groundbreaking multimedia, painting, photography, and sculpture exhibitions that challenge conventions and blaze new aesthetic trails.

Featured artists have included the 1980s art star Keith Haring, actor/director/painter Dennis Hopper, and the late Spanish sculptor Juan Muñoz. A 1997 redesign by Frederick Fisher introduced a courtyard. Every summer, artists are selected to create thematic installations in this space for the Saturday afternoon party series, Warm Up, drawing a savvy crowd. **Adm**

P.S.1's alliance with MoMA means that a ticket purchased at either establishment entitles entry to both

performance

Broadway shows may be the big sellers, but the city's creative heart beats in a host of other artistic venues devoted to music, theater, dance, cinema, poetry, comedy, and literature. The official Music Under New York program promotes talents year-round on the subway and at street level, while the summer months bring superb outdoor entertainments, such as plays and opera in the parks.

CLASSICAL VENUES

Barge Music
Fulton Ferry Landing, Brooklyn
With the Manhattan skyline in front of you and water lapping beneath, this is a magical setting for chamber music. *(See p130)*

Carnegie Hall
881 7th Avenue
The three concert halls of this hallowed venue have hosted the world's best classical performers for more than a century. *(See p125)*

New Jersey Performing Arts Center
One Center Street, Newark
International artists and the NJ Symphony Orchestra perform at this state-of-the-art complex. *(See p131)*

Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center
Broadway & Amsterdam, 62nd–66th Sts
This hall is known for spectacular performances and an energetic program of choir, quintet, and full orchestra concerts. *(See p126)*

DANCE & PERFORMANCE

Brooklyn Academy of Music
30 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn
World-class dance and theater productions often preview here, especially during Brooklyn's international Next Wave festival. *(See p129)*

The Joyce Theater
175 8th Avenue
Dance is the main attraction at this former movie house. Mid-sized U.S. and international companies are showcased year-round. *(See p120)*

The Public Theater
425 Lafayette Street
Five on-site theaters and the Shakespeare in the Park festival entrance drama fans. *(See p119)*

CUTTING-EDGE

» www.entertainment-link.com is a handy site which gives the percentage of seats already sold for a given performance.

The Kitchen
512 West 19th Street
Experimental performances and more straightforward literary readings are combined at this Chelsea hub of creativity. *(See p120)*

Bowery Poetry Club
308 Bowery
Rarely delivering anything mainstream, the Bowery plays host to literary performers who challenge the audience's minds. *(See p118)*

P.S.122
150 1st Avenue
East Village's innovative, not-for-profit arts center has two theaters offering some of the city's most daring productions. *(See p120)*

GIG VENUES

Tonic
107 Norfolk Street
The thing that sets this cool space apart from other gig venues is the highly diverse and experimental music it programs. *(See p117)*

Mercury Lounge
217 East Houston Street
There's a good bar scene in the front room here, while at the back, behind a deep red curtain, is a secretive room for live music. *(See p116)*

Cornelia Street Café
29 Cornelia Street
This intimate space hosts a wealth of musical styles, including jazz, a cappella singing, and the lilting rhythms of samba. *(See p115)*

Knitting Factory
74 Leonard Street
It's less cutting edge these days, but Knitting Factory still has a great music line-up. The air guitar competition always sells out. *(See p114)*

» ***The website www.nytheatre.com gives comprehensive listings.***

JAZZ & BLUES

Village Vanguard
178 7th Avenue
A jazz institution not to be missed for its good acoustics and line-up of great musicians. *(See p116)*

Lenox Lounge
288 Lenox Avenue
This famous Harlem venue has a local vibe. It attracts regulars from the neighborhood and jazz junkies from much farther afield. *(See p129)*

55 Bar
55 Christopher Street
Get close up and personal with jazz and blues maestros as you sip a drink and gaze at the photos of historic greats. *(See p116)*

Smoke
2751 Broadway
The Monday night jam session in this intimate room lures an audience of accomplished musicians and jazz devotees. *(See p127)*

COMEDY

The Comic Strip
1568 2nd Avenue
A stalwart of the stand-up tradition, this is a place to see both budding and established comedians. *(See p125)*

» ***For a basic listing of every kind of popular music, from bluegrass to hip-hop, go to www.citidex.com. It also gives info about comedy venues.***

Upright Citizen's Brigade
307 West 26th Street
An informal space that buzzes with off-the-cuff jokes and well-executed skits. *(See p121)*

Knitting Factory *experimental mecca*

1 D1

74 Leonard Street (between Broadway & Church St.)
• 212 219 3132
www.knittingfactory.com Open 6–4 nightly

Arriving here is like entering a funfair attraction; you're not sure which door to go through first. There are three main performance spaces – Main Space, Tap Bar, and Old Office – as well as a free bar area, where late-night jazz jams are often hosted. The media company that runs this venue, and also the Knitting Factory Record label, styles itself "a genre-bending presenter of established avant-garde." The types of music you're most likely to hear are experimental rock, klezmer, and jazz, though there has been a women's choir performance. The Old Office is the most intimate space of the three and sometimes hosts poetry evenings and alternative screenings, as well as regular music slots. This venue has also been used for the June JVC Jazz Festival. Tickets for all events can be ordered from the Knitting Factory website.

Film Forum *independent & vintage films*

3 C4

209 West Houston Street (between 6th & 7th Aves)
• 212 727 8110
www.filmforum.com Box office 12:30–midnight daily

Cineastes can delight in this three-theater venue, each with Dolby Digital Sound. The films shown are widely varied, from old classics such as an Orson Welles season, to the latest underground hit. Director talks, fresh food, and film-related merchandise are offered.

S.O.B.'s *Latin beats*

3 C4

204 Varick Street (at Houston St.) • 212 243 4940
www.sobs.com Open 6:30–4 Mon–Sat

Shake your body and celebrate the Sounds of Brazil (S.O.B.) – the very best in Latin, French Caribbean, salsa, hip-hop, reggae, and African beats. Live music is performed every night, with musicians coming from around the globe. For a free dance lesson, get here on a Monday or Friday night between 6pm and 8pm.

For New York's best comedy and cabaret, see **www.enewyork.dk.com**

Blue Note *gold-standard jazz*

3 C3

131 West 3rd Street (between MacDougal St. & 6th Ave.)
• 212 475 8592
www.bluenotejazz.com
Open from 7 nightly; to 4am Fri & Sat

Now a franchised chain, with venues in Japan, Korea, and Europe, Blue Note first took root in Greenwich Village. The premise is simple: sophisticated surroundings for seriously good music (not just jazz), with the option of dinner, and a classy interior to match the top-notch performers who come to play. Dizzy Gillespie, Ray Charles, and Sarah Vaughan have ripped the roof off the place in the past, and the club has also witnessed the talents of Oscar Peterson, George Benson, and Tony Bennett.

If it all sounds a little too highfalutin' for live music, join New York's poorer musicians, who turn up for the late-night Friday and Saturday jam sessions – it's a mere $5 cover. It's also known for the Sunday Jazz brunch and its Saturday afternoon master classes.

The Comedy Cellar *gritty stand-up*

3 C3

117 MacDougal Street (between W. 3rd & Bleecker Sts)
• 212 254 3480
www.comedycellar.com Evening shows nightly

This basement has had comics, famous and infamous, performing nightly for over 20 years. The cramped seating, brick wall backdrop and spotlit stage set the tone. Cover charge is normally $10–15, but get free passes via the website. Rude heckling isn't tolerated.

Cornelia Street Cafe *eclectic acts*

3 C3

29 Cornelia Street (between W. 4th & Bleecker Sts)
• 212 989 9319
www.corneliastreetcafe.com Evening shows nightly

Performed on a tiny stage in a narrow room beneath a restaurant, acts here have ranged from Inuit poetry to Suzanne Vega. In any week you might encounter one-act plays, comedy, readings, singing, and live Latin, jazz, or samba music. Art on the walls is often for sale.

Duplex *kitsch & cabaret*

3 B3

61 Christopher Street (at 7th Ave. S.) • 212 255 5438
www.theduplex.com Open 4–4 nightly

Anything goes in this dual-level space, which features a piano bar, complete with disco ball, on the first level, and an intimate-sized cabaret room, with pool table, upstairs. The monthly schedule is always packed, and usually includes comedy, cabaret, comedians, and open mic for singers of varying abilities.

55 Bar *NYC-style jazz/funk/blues*

3 C3

55 Christopher Street (between 7th Ave. S. & Waverly Pl.) • 212 929 9883
www.55bar.com Open 1pm–4am nightly

Soak up the atmosphere that's been brewing in this West Village stalwart since 1919. The music packs a punch in a space small enough for the vibes to resonate off the walls, which are hung with black-and-white photos of Miles Davis and John Coltrane.

Village Vanguard *amazing acoustics*

3 B2

178 7th Avenue South (at 11th St.) • 212 255 4037
www.villagevanguard.com Open from 8 nightly

One of the world's most famous jazz venues, the Village Vanguard has hosted singers and musicians of phenomenal talent since 1935. It continues to take music very seriously, and socializing during sets is discouraged. Genres include mainstream jazz (for popular standards), bebop, fusion, Latin, and funk.

Mercury Lounge *musical excellence*

4 F4

217 East Houston Street (at Essex St.) • 212 260 4700
www.mercuryloungenyc.com Open 6–4 nightly

The Mercury Lounge hosts a mix of new and established musical talent. You enter a long, narrow room dominated by a wooden, candle-lit bar. A heavy, deep-red curtain separates this from the performance space (with superb sound system), where Lou Reed, Jeff Buckley, and Tony Bennett have played.

Bowery Ballroom *music in style*

4 E5

6 Delancey Street (between Bowery & Chrystie St.) • 212 533 2111 • Box office 866 468 7619 (noon–7 Mon–Sat)
»www.boweryballroom.com

This Beaux Arts ballroom, dating from 1929, makes a wonderful setting in which to hear a band and have a drink. Although the venue has been fully updated to accommodate state-of-the-art acoustics and facilities, many of the building's architectural details have been retained. The mezzanine bar is wisely positioned in front of a gorgeous set of arched windows, providing a view of the city lights. The stage can be seen from the wooden ballroom area or the mezzanine. If you'd like a break from the music, you can drink more peacefully in the lower-level cocktail lounge. David Byrne, Beth Orton, Patti Smith, the John Spencer Blues Explosion, and DJ Shadow are among those who have played here. Tickets often sell out, so buy early by phone or at the box office which is at the Mercury Lounge (*see opposite*).

Tonic *adventurous music*

4 G4

107 Norfolk Street (between Delancey & Rivington Sts) • 212 358 7501
»www.tonic107.com Open 7:30 nightly

From jazz funk to the sounds of "industrial waste percussion" to the whirs of an electronic theremin – the range of music and instruments here often surprises and inspires. Main space is hip, no-frills decor and basic seating; downstairs is Subtonic where DJs spin.

Arlene's Grocery *multi-band options*

4 F4

95 Stanton Street (between Orchard & Ludlow Sts) • 212 358 1633
»www.arlene-grocery.com Open 6pm Mon–Fri, noon Sat & Sun

It was, indeed, once a grocery store – hence the colorful frontage – and it gets a little crazy when more than four bands are billed in one evening. The music is invariably grunge, indie, pop, and metal. Come on Monday for a rocking Punk Rock Karaoke Night.

Bowery Poetry Club *literary café*

4 E4

308 Bowery (at Bleecker St.) • 212 614 0505

www.bowerypoetry.com Open 9–1 Mon–Thu, 9–3 Fri, 11–4 Sat, 11–midnight Sun

First-time visitors with any anti-intellectual angst will soon feel at ease in this welcoming, unpretentious venue. Even imaginative readings for children are included on the bill.

The main glass doors open to a café with uneven wooden floorboards and mismatched tables, where you can order organic goodies, espresso, juices, and alcoholic drinks. The back of the room widens out to a high-ceilinged performance area with its own tables and chairs, which can pack in 200 word-lovers; there's also a smaller room for intimate readings. A slightly bohemian atmosphere is accentuated by local artists exhibiting their works on one wall, and flyers about events and goods for sale on another. Readings include works by new writers and established poets and authors. Sunday brunch is a good time to come.

CBGB *echoes of rock history*

4 E4

315 Bowery (at Bleecker St.) • 212 982 4052

www.cbgb.com Open 6:30–3 nightly

Come here to pay respects to the world of punk and progressive rock. The Ramones, Blondie, The Police, and Talking Heads are among those who owe something to this venue. The bar's a bit cleaner, the music's changed to metal and new punk, but the basic gritty stage and loud amps are the same.

Landmark's Sunshine *film theater*

4 E4

143 East Houston Street (between 1st & 2nd Aves) • 212 330 8182

www.landmarktheatres.com

Formerly home to a Yiddish Vaudeville Theater, this beautifully renovated film house has five screens, all with Dolby Digital Sound and comfortable seats. Mostly foreign and independent films are shown. For info about late-night screenings, *see p19*.

The Public Theater *integrity on stage*

4 E3

425 Lafayette Street (between E. 4th St. & Astor Pl.) • 212 539 8500; 212 539 8750 for Shakespeare in the Park tickets (free)

www.publictheater.org Box office 1–7:30 (to 6 Sun & Mon)

With five theaters, a private rehearsal space, and the recent addition of neighboring performance space/bar Joe's Pub, The Public Theater is a long-established venue for groundbreaking drama. It is where the musical *Hair* had its world premiere in 1967. The main building – formerly the Astor Library – has a grand entrance hall with the theaters leading off, and a small wine and coffee bar in the far corner. Joe's Pub focuses on experimental theater and solo performances of drama and music.

The company operates the summer Shakespeare in the Park season from June to August at Central Park's Delacorte Theater. You can get free tickets from The Public Theater box office or at the park on the day of performance but there's a line from 7am or earlier.

Nuyorican Poets Cafe *beats & poetry*

4 G3

236 East 3rd Street (between Aves B & C) • 212 505 8183

www.nuyorican.org Events nightly, except Mon

This once "underground" café has become a cutting-edge venue for people of all ethnicities to read, slam, rhyme, perform, or play an instrument. The dimly lit, cozy café is a place for contemplative, poetic thought by day and original spoken-word performances by night. *(See also p17.)*

C-Note *musical dive bar*

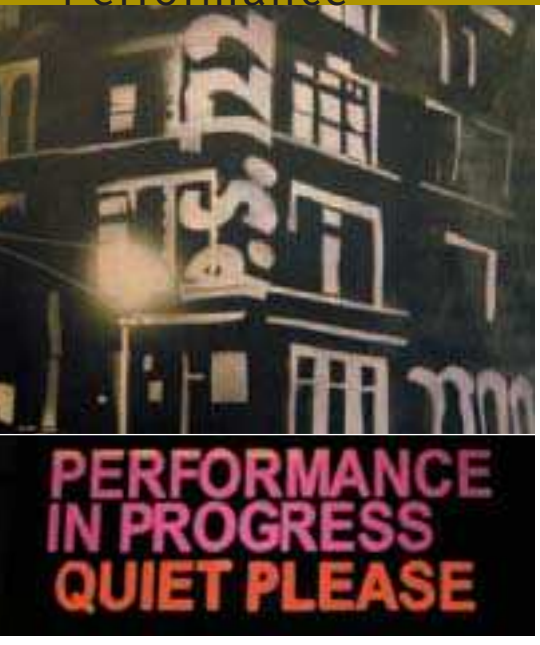
4 G2

157 Avenue C (at 10th St.) • 212 677 8142

www.thecnote.com Open 7–4 Mon & Thu, 5–4 Tue, Wed, & Sun, 4–4 Fri & Sat

Live music – from jazz and blues to funk, rock, and country – is played nightly. C-Note also hosts superb jam sessions – jazz on Saturdays (4–7pm), blues on Sundays (10pm–3am) – and an open mic for singers and songwriters on Sundays (5–9pm).

For information about outdoor summer film screenings in Bryant Park, see p17



P.S.122 *innovative performances*

4 F2

150 1st Avenue (at E. 9th St.) • 212 477 5829
• Box office 212 477 5288
www.ps122.org
Open daily; box office 11–6 daily

This performance space in East Village was once a public school, a shadow of which is seen in the original stairwell, complete with wooden banisters and wrought-iron safety gates. In 1979 a small group of innovative performers began transforming the rooms into spaces for performance workshops, movement classes, and community meetings. The old school gym was converted into a theater in 1986, used by small avant-garde groups and cutting-edge productions. Now a major hub of creative energy, the not-for-profit arts center boasts two theaters and galleries, with a constantly changing program of theatrical, video, musical, and film presentations. Experimental and vibrant in the arts community, P.S.122 has been described as the "Petri dish of downtown culture."

The Kitchen *multimedia creations*

3 A1

512 West 19th Street (between 10th & 11th Aves)
• 212 255 5793
www.thekitchen.org Box office 2–6pm Tue–Sat

For years, The Kitchen has brought together artists from varied disciplines, taking pride in its innovation. Two black-box theaters serve as backdrops for readings, multimedia installations, dance, and music. Family-friendly features are on Saturday afternoons.

The Joyce Theater *delightful dance*

3 B1

175 8th Avenue (at 19th St.) • 212 242 0800
www.joyce.org Box office noon–8 daily (7:30 Sun)

Presenting small- to medium-sized national and international companies, The Joyce Theater is a center of dance, from contemporary to traditional. The auditorium seats 452 in a functional interior that once housed a movie theater. Joyce's satellite space in SoHo (155 Mercer St) hosts further performances.

Upright Citizen's Brigade *improv*

5 C5

307 West 26th Street (between 8th & 9th Aves) • 212 366 9176

www.ucbtheater.com Performances nightly (cash only)

Step into a world of zany and clever comic sketches and improvisation at the UCB Theater. Home-grown Brigade shows and visiting comic troupes are both on the schedule. Ticket prices are very reasonable, and you have the possibility of seeing future stars of the favorite U.S. TV show *Saturday Night Live*.

Kavehaz *gallery & music café*

6 E5

37 West 26th Street (between Broadway & 6th Ave.) • 212 343 0612

www.kavehaz.com Open 5–midnight nightly (2am weekends)

The music and artwork on the walls dictate the ambience at this popular Chelsea spot. Sample featured wines or indulge in a hot drink from a bowl as you listen to the music. Monday is an open mic singers' showcase; Wednesday is the Ray Vega Latin Jazz band.

Gotham Comedy Club *funny shows*

6 E5

34 West 22nd Street (between 5th & 6th Aves) • 212 367 9000

www.gothamcomedyclub.com Shows nightly

This comfortable, casual comedy club is given an added air of sophistication by its solid oak bar and shimmering chandelier. The line-up mixes budding comics and surprise guests from the world of TV – comedians who may have appeared on *Conan O'Brien, The Tonight Show*, or on the Comedy Central network.

Hammerstein Ballroom *music venue*

5 C3

311 West 34th Street (at 8th Ave.) • 212 279 7740

www.mcstudios.com Check website for upcoming events

Ambience and acoustics rate high at this Art Deco space with a capacity of 2,500. Historic fixtures and a beautiful ceiling mural have been kept, while there's enough rigging to support impressive light and sound equipment for shows by bands such as indie-rockers the Pixies or modern jazzers Medeski, Martin & Wood.

For information on outdoor summer concerts series, see p10

Rodeo Bar *country music crossover*

6 F5

375 3rd Avenue (at E. 27th St.) • 212 683 6500
www.rodeobar.com Open noon–4am daily (2am Sun) ; live music 10pm

Mosey along into the world of bluegrass, rockabilly, country music, an amicable atmosphere, drinks served from a converted horse-trailer, and no cover charge for the entertainment! Refreshment is Tex-Mex snacks, peanuts, and powerful margaritas. Yeeee-haw!

The Soul Cafe *soul food*

5 B2

444 West 42nd Street (between 9th & 10th Aves)
• 212 244 7685
www.soulcaferestaurant.com Open 5:30–11 Mon–Thu, 5:30–12:30 Fri–Sun; also brunch 11:30–3 Sat & Sun

Attracting a mixed clientele of regulars and visitors, this is a fun place to party with the almost nightly live entertainment. Also consider the Sunday gospel brunch, an uplifting mix of soul food and powerful song.

Roundabout/AA *magical theater space*

5 D2

227 West 42nd Street (between 7th & 8th Aves)
• 212 719 1300
www.roundabouttheatre.org

This repertory theater company has moved several times and is now based at the beautifully renovated American Airlines Theatre (formerly called the Selwyn), which was built in 1918. Slick productions often feature well-known guest actors.

B.B. King Blues Club *gospel & blues*

5 C2

237 West 42nd Street (between 8th & 7th Aves) • 212 997 4144
www.bbkingblues.com Box office 10am–midnight daily

Legends such as James Brown and, of course, B.B. King himself have played in the club's Showcase Room. It has a tourist vibe, but the aim to entertain prevails, and wins over New Yorkers too. Food is served all day and there's nightly music at Lucille's, the more intimate space, named after B.B. King's favorite guitar.

Swing 46 *jazz & swing dance*

5 C1

349 West 46th Street (between 8th & 9th Aves) • 212 262 9554
www.swing46.com Open from 5 nightly

Try your two-step or lindy between courses at this dinner and dance club, or have drinks up by the bar – away from the frenzy on the floor, but close enough to hear the music. There's no dress code, but a bit of sartorial elegance is encouraged. Bring your tap shoes for the Tap Jam on Sundays between 5 and 8pm!

Don't Tell Mama *piano & cabaret*

5 C1

343 West 46th Street (between 8th & 9th Aves) • 212 757 0788
www.donttellmama.com Open from 6 nightly (cash only)

Life is indeed a cabaret, and all believers need to visit this venue at least once, either to listen or to perform. Grab your Liza Minnelli songbook and come on over to the piano bar or one of three intimate theaters, where you can also eat. *The* place to hear the standards, see diva wannabes, and enjoy hilarious musical comedy.

Rainbow Room *vintage sophistication*

6 E1

30 Rockefeller Plaza, 65th Floor (at W. 49th St.) • 212 632 5100
www.cipriani.com
Open from 7 Fri & Sat; Sunday brunch 11–3

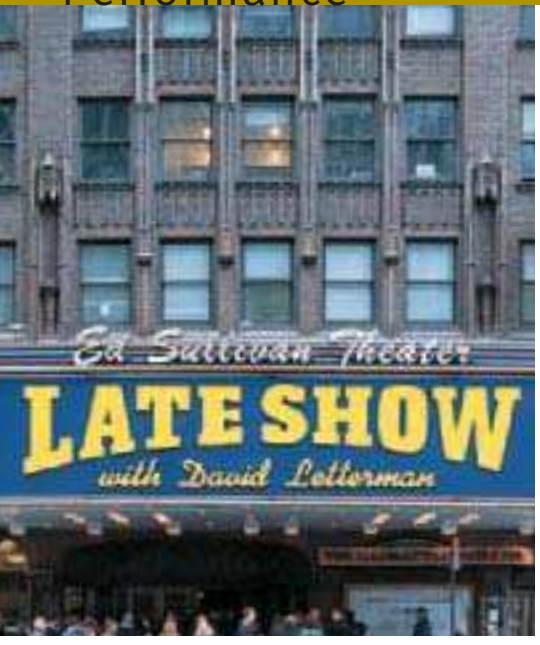
A glorious Art Deco institution with awesome views from the 65th floor to help you forget the $150 per person tab for dinner and dancing. Big band orchestras play for the evening as you sway above the shimmering lights of the city. Black tie is preferred.

City Center *music, drama & dance*

7 D5

131 West 55th Street (between 6th & 7th Aves) • 212 581 1212
www.citycenter.org

The colorful tiles and pillars of the beautiful Moorish facade welcome you to the City Center. Inside, the main stage is used for concerts and performances by the Alvin Ailey, American Ballet, Paul Taylor, and Martha Graham dance companies. The Manhattan Theater Club performs in the center's smaller spaces.



NBC Studios/ Ed Sullivan Theater *three seconds of fame?*

6 E1

www.nbc.com
www.cbs.com Box office 212 247 6497 from 11am on the day

If you'd like to be in the studio audience for NBC's news and entertainment *Today Show*, which goes out live on weekday mornings, hang around 49th Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues, between 8:30 and 10am, and join the masses who have the "Hi Mom" signs. You can also try your luck for last-minute studio audience tickets to see *Saturday Night Live* or *Light Night* with Conan O'Brien by lining up outside NBC's main lobby on the 49th Street entrance at 30 Rockefeller Plaza. Both lines often form before 7am (tickets are given out after 9am), but there are no guarantees that you'll get in.

It's easier to obtain standby CBS tickets to see *The Late Show* with David Letterman (Monday to Thursday), staged at the Ed Sullivan Theater at 1697 Broadway between 53rd & 54th Streets (Map 7 D5).

Florence Gould Hall *for Francophiles*

8 F4

55 East 59th Street (between Park & Madison Aves)
• 212 355 6160
www.fiaf.org Box office 11–7 Tue–Fri, 11–3 Sat

The location of interesting lectures and weekly French films, this space is also open for productions ranging from light opera and ballet to various concerts. Acoustics are great in the main 400-person auditorium, while next door's Tinker Auditorium is more intimate.

Tickets for Broadway Theaters

The two main agencies selling theater tickets are **Telecharge** (212 239 6200, www.telecharge.com) and **TicketMaster** (212 307 4100, www.ticketmaster.com). These are convenient, but you may be charged up to $9 extra for handling fees. If you want to try your luck at a discount agency on the day of performance, **TKTS** (www.tdf.org/tkts) offers great deals on theater tickets – often 25–50% off the full price – but you will have to line up and you can't use a credit card. The main outlet is on the little island called Duffy Square at 47th and Broadway (Mon–Sat 3–8pm, Sun 11am–7:30pm; for matinees Wed & Sat 10am–2pm). A less crowded outlet is at the South Street Seaport on the corner of John Street and Front Street (Mon–Fri 11am–6pm, Sat 11am–7pm).

The Comic Strip *stand-up showcase*

8 G1

1568 2nd Avenue (between 81st & 82nd Sts) • 212 861 9386
www.comicstriplive.com Shows nightly

Jerry Seinfeld started his career with a regular act here. There's a casual atmosphere, cabaret-style seating, and traditional stand-up. Thursday is "new talent night," while Mondays often feature comics from far and wide auditioning for regular spots. Reserve tickets by phone, and check out discounts on the website.

92nd Street Y *emporium of activity*

10 F4

1395 Lexington Avenue (at 92nd St.) • 212 415 5500
www.92y.org

Established in the 19th century as a men's Hebrew association, the 92nd Street Y has since become a more diverse cultural institution. With a wide-ranging bill of artists, entrepreneurs, and politicians, the Y's two halls have hosted performances and talks by Yo-Yo Ma, Bill Gates, and Kofi Annan.

Carnegie Hall *supreme concert hall*

7 D5

881 7th Avenue (at 57th St.) • 212 247 7800
www.carnegiehall.org

Tchaikovsky conducted the Carnegie Hall's inaugural concert over a century ago and thus the standard was set. The main hall, the Isaac Stern Auditorium, seats just under 3,000; the Zankel Hall focuses on jazz and contemporary music; the smaller Weill Hall has good acoustics for recitals and chamber music.

Merkin Concert Hall *on-air sound*

7 B3

129 West 67th Street (between Broadway & Amsterdam Ave.) • 212 501 3330
www.elainekaufmancenter.org/merkin.htm

The resonance in this auditorium is wonderful and it is often used for live radio recordings. Performances cover classical, jazz, funk, and other genres. Both the balcony and the orchestra seating provide good views, and the art gallery diverts during intermissions.

Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts

7 B3

rich pickings for culture vultures

Straddling Broadway and Amsterdam (between 62nd and 66th Sts)
Box office 212 721 6500 • Tours 212 875 5350
www.lincolncenter.org

One of the world leaders in performing arts since the 1960s, Lincoln Center has 12 resident organizations, including a Chamber Music Society, a Film Society, Jazz at Lincoln Center, The New York City Ballet, Metropolitan Opera, New York City Opera, and the New York Philharmonic.

Formerly the slum area of Lincoln Square, the 15-acre site was first envisaged as an arts complex in the 1950s, the scheme being eventually realized with the support of John D. Rockefeller and President Eisenhower, among others. The **Philharmonic Hall** opened in 1962, and was followed a few years later by the **New York State Theater**, the **Vivian Beaumont Theater**, the **Metropolitan Opera House**, and the **Alice Tully Hall**. Altogether there are nearly 20 performance spaces and a host of other facilities, including a library and studios for budding musicians and actors. Tours of the complex run regularly and last an hour, focusing on history, stories, and architecture.

The central outdoor fountain, designed by American Modernist architect Philip Johnson, is a popular meeting point before a show. It is also close to the spot where the Christmas tree, bedecked in musical instrument ornaments, stands during the holiday period. **Damrosch Park** hosts a free outdoor concert series, usually in August. The **Mostly Mozart Festival** is a perennial favorite, while **Midsummer Night Swing** features a wide range of dance music.

Renovations are expected to take place over the next few years to give some of the buildings a facelift and to enhance acoustics. The Vivian Beaumont Theater, beyond the reflecting pool and Henry Moore sculpture, has already been refurbished and hosts wonderful theatrical productions.

Makor *culture with hip twist*

7 C3

35 West 67th Street (between Central Park W. & Columbus Ave.) • 212 601 1000
www.makor.org

Frequented by a 20- to 30-something crowd, Makor – associated with the 92nd Street Y *(see p125)* – offers film, discussions, theater, and music, including jazz, funk, and a cappella. Allow time for a drink in the café before a show. It has a healthy singles scene too.

Stand-Up NY *heard the one about...?*

7 B1

236 West 78th Street (at Broadway) • 212 595 0850
www.standupny.com Shows nightly

Stand-Up is the only comedy club on the Upper West Side, so it's a popular venue for locals. Get to know your table neighbors up close and personal as you sit in on a string of comics delivering their routines. The standard ranges from decent to hilarious, and past circuit performers include Robin Williams.

Symphony Space *reggae & throat-singing*

9 B3

2537 Broadway (at W. 95th St.) • 212 864 5400
www.symphonyspace.org Box office noon–7 Tue–Sun

This newly renovated complex offers a vast array of theater, film, dance, and music. The main Peter Jay Sharp Theatre – which seats nearly 700 on a gentle slope with plenty of legroom – is often used by guest musicians of the World Music Institute. The Leonard Nimoy Thalia building now includes a café.

Smoke *hot jazz, no tobacco*

9 B2

2751 Broadway (at 106th St.) • 212 864 6662
www.smokejazz.com Open 5–4am most nights

Red velvet curtains and low-hanging chandeliers set the scene in this cozy jazz bar/lounge. If you can't accessorize with an instrument, then at least bring an attentive pair of ears, because the live music is taken seriously here. There's seating for 70, with overflow accommodated at the bar.

Apollo Theater *where stars are born*

11 D3

253 West 125th Street (between 7th & 8th Aves)
• 212 531 5300 Box office 212 531 5305/4
www.apollotheater.com
Box office 10–6 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri; 10–8:30 Wed; noon–6 Sat

The Apollo – Harlem's top attraction – has made such an important contribution to music history and the cultural life of New York that it was designated a National Landmark in 1983. Originally a burlesque theater, in the 1930s the venue became a showcase for African American musicians, singers, dancers, and comedians, who would perform at the theater's Amateur Night. The careers of many internationally famous musicians and singers were launched here – Ella Fitzgerald and Michael Jackson were among those who were first recognized at the Apollo.

Today, the venue welcomes any talent good enough to withstand the potential boos from the crowd on Wednesday's Amateur Night. Latino music has also been showcased since 2001, and *Showtime at the Apollo* is produced as a syndicated television program.

As well as coming here to see a performance, it is also worth taking a close look around the theater. The lobby Walk of Fame highlights some of the eminent past performers, such as James Brown, Aretha Franklin, and Duke Ellington. The guided backstage tour offers fascinating oral anecdotes and musical history. You'll also get to touch the renowned Tree of Hope – in reality, a wooden stump mounted on an Ionic column. Legendary in the show business world, it is touched by performers before they start their act to bring them good luck.

Lenox Lounge *booze & Billie Holliday*

11 D3

288 Lenox Avenue (between 124th & 125th Sts)
• 212 427 0253
www.lenoxlounge.com Open 11–4am daily

Lenox is a leading music club with a solid repertoire of live jazz, DJs, and an open jam session on Monday nights. The front bar is Art Deco in character, and the lounge has been restored to its original plush design, including built-in banquettes and zebra stripes in the back room. Southern-style food is served all day.

A sense of history permeates the proceedings – jazz heroes such as Miles Davis, Billie Holiday, and John Coltrane have played in this space. And Malcolm X is said to have spent many an hour at the Lenox before being galvanized by the political fight. Nowadays, the live music ranges from mainstream jazz through to more esoteric genres. Use the front room for mingling – the clientele includes regulars, locals, and jazz aficionados – and then head to the back for listening and dining pleasure.

Brooklyn Academy of Music *performing arts center*

13 C4

30 Lafayette Avenue (between Ashland Pl. & St. Felix St.)
• 718 636 4100
www.bam.org Box office noon–6 Mon–Sat

Far more than just a music academy, the BAM is a hive of cultural activity, offering live music, opera, dance, film, and theater. The academy's first production was in 1861, and the legendary Ellen Terry was one of the first actors to perform here.

The main building straddles most of the block and has a grand lobby. The Rose Cinema has four screens and very comfortable seating. The Howard Gillman Opera House has a capacity of a little over 2,000, while the Harvey Lichtenstein Theater holds 874. From Thursday to Saturday, you can also catch live performances in the BAM café, a great place for a drink or light meal before or after a show. The famed Next Wave Festival takes place over three months in the Fall and features modern works from around the globe.

For a listing of performance venues by type, see pp226–7

Warsaw *pierogi & pro sound*

13 C1

261 Driggs Avenue (between Eckford & Leonard Sts) • 718 387 0505
www.warsawconcerts.com

A curious collaboration: hip music venue and main ballroom of the Polish National Home. Some nights feature indie and rock groups; others involve Polish festivals and Polka dance. The bistro offers *pierogi* (small pies), and the bar serves strong Polish beer.

Barge Music *classical music on the water*

2 G3

Fulton Ferry Landing (at Old Fulton St.) • 718 624 4061
www.bargemusic.org
Performances at 7:30 Thu, Fri & Sat; 4 Sun

This chamber music concert space is absolutely worth the trip for the quality of the performers, the unique setting, and the superb views of the Manhattan skyline and Brooklyn Bridge.

As suggested by the venue's name, performances do, indeed, take place on the water, in a converted barge that features wood paneling and an open fireplace. Seating arrangements cater to a maximum of just 125, which encourages an intimacy and immediacy for the audience and the musicians. The barge does move gently during performances but there's little danger of sea-sickness.

Unusually for chamber music, there is no regard for the seasons, and the concert hall is used year-round. Highly polished performances of Mozart, Bach, Schubert, Debussy, and Prokofiev might all feature in a typical month, and guest musicians add zest to the program. A fortnight in December each year is given over to Bach's Brandenburg Concertos.

Before a concert, allow time to wander around the revamped ferry landing and enjoy some ice cream at the Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory. Round off the evening by taking a yellow New York water taxi (212 742 1969, www.nywatertaxi.com) back to Manhattan.

New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) *notable in Newark*

One Center Street, Newark • 888 GO-NJPAC (466-5722)
»www.njpac.org • Train or PATH from Penn Station (New York) to Penn Station (Newark), then LOOP shuttle or walk to NJPAC
Box office noon–6 Mon–Sat; 10–3 Sun

Newark has never looked so appealing. This stunning, multi-million-dollar arts complex was built in 1997, breathing new life into a downtrodden city and giving Manhattan residents and tourists alike reason enough to cross the water to New Jersey.

The architecture of the main part of the complex – defined by glass and brick, and cubed shapes – was the brainchild of Barton Myers and honors the idea of casual urban living. The two performance spaces, Prudential Hall (2,730 seats) and Victoria Theater (514 seats) are wonderfully appointed and functional, with first-rate sight lines and excellent acoustics for all seats. The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra are regular performers. The complex has also hosted touring productions of musicals (*Les Misérables*, *The Mikado*) and such diverse performers as Yo-Yo Ma, the Vienna Boys Choir, Lauryn Hill, and teen band 'N Synch.

Getting to the NJPAC is not too difficult, but does involve either walking five blocks from Newark's Penn Station, or taking the purple-signed LOOP shuttle bus for one dollar. The complex has two restaurants: the Theater Square Grill, which has a lounge bar, and the Calcada restaurant, which offers alfresco dining.

Sports Venues

New York has several capacious sports venues. The **Yankee Stadium** was built for the famous baseball team in 1923, and is fun to visit via the Yankee Clipper ferry. **Shea Stadium** is home to the New York Mets baseball team and lies beneath a flight path to LaGuardia airport. The Beatles famously played here in 1965 and 1966. Part of the Meadowlands complex, **Giants Stadium** is the home of three soccer teams: the New York Giants, New York Jets (both always sold out), and Metrostars. **Madison Square Garden** is home to ice hockey team New York Rangers and basketball teams Knicks and Liberty. The Garden also hosts big-name concerts, monster truck rallies, wrestling, boxing, and top dog and cat shows. For contact details, *see p227*.

» *For information about getting tickets to watch the Knicks at Madison Square Garden,* see p17

bars & clubs

From super-cool cocktail lounges to dark old ale houses to neighborhood joints with jukeboxes and pool tables, New York has bars to suit everyone. For those in search of an energetic night out, downtown and Chelsea have the most lively DJ bars and clubs, though Brooklyn is catching up fast. More laid-back drinkers may prefer to slip into an easy chair in the swanky cocktail bars of midtown and the Upper East Side.

DJ BARS

Beauty Bar
231 East 14th Street
Expect plenty of 1970s and 1980s punk and glam rock at this lively East Village bar, decked out like an old-fashioned beauty salon. ***(See p144)***

Sullivan Room
218 Sullivan Street
The warm tones and cushy alcoves induce a loungy atmosphere, the mood matched by soulful house played by resident DJs. ***(See p146)***

TriBeCa Grand's Studio Room
2 Avenue of the Americas
The Studio attracts a knowledgeable crowd, appreciative of the club's top DJ talent, such as Junior Sanchez and LCD Soundsystem. ***(See p183)***

Uncle Ming's
225 Avenue B
Fashion-conscious Lower East Siders flock to Ming's to hear retro electro beats and bask in the dim light of ancient chandeliers. ***(See p146)***

In New York there are strict laws governing where you can dance. Dancing is permitted in clubs, but not in the city's DJ bars unless they are hosting special events.

GAY BARS & CLUBS

Cubbyhole
281 West 12th Street
Cheeky decor, mammoth Martinis, and a relaxed, friendly vibe are enjoyed by a predominantly lesbian clientele here. ***(See p148)***

Roxy
515 West 18th Street
Evoking the last days of disco, the cavernous Roxy hosts the city's longest running, most popular gay club night on Saturdays. ***(See p149)***

Stonewall
53 Christopher Street
With regular drag shows, this icon of 1960s gay activism is as much about pleasure as politics. ***(See p147)***

Trash
256 Grand Street, Brooklyn
Punk-glam vinyl upholstery, beautiful gay boys and girls, and the dirtiest rock 'n' roll weekend parties east of Alphabet City. ***(See p156)***

STAR BARS

2A
25 Avenue A
Downtown rockers The Strokes are among the street-credible names associated with this Alphabet City dive bar. ***(See p141)***

Hiro
366 West 17th Street
Japanese-themed Hiro is a top spot for the city's youthful models, musicians, and actors to congregate. ***(See p150)***

Serena
Chelsea Hotel, 222 West 23rd Street
This subterranean lounge caters to artists and film-makers hoping to become a part of the Chelsea Hotel's eventful history. ***(See p149)***

Bungalow 8
515 West 27th Street
A tribute to Tinseltown, with palms, mock sunsets, and a strict door policy to help homesick Hollywood babies feel at ease. ***(See p150)***

HISTORIC BARS

Bemelmans Bar
Carlyle Hotel, 35 East 76th Street
This uptown lounge has a whimsical mural by *Madeline* creator, Ludwig Bemelmans. ***(See p153)***

McSorley's Old Ale House
15 East 7th Street
The furnishings, robust ales, and good cheer remain largely unchanged since the days when Abraham Lincoln drank at this inn. ***(See p142)***

White Horse Tavern
567 Hudson Street
This bar attained fame when, as legend has it, poet Dylan Thomas met his demise after a whiskey-drinking session here. ***(See p147)***

Chumley's
86 Bedford Street
A favorite of writers thirsting for liquid inspiration ever since the 1920s Prohibition era. ***(See p146)***

ALFRESCO DRINKING

Glass
287 10th Avenue
Beyond the sleek, Cubist bar here lies a patio surrounded by bamboo trees – the destination of choice for local sophisticates. ***(See p150)***

Gowanus Yacht Club
323 Smith Street, Brooklyn
Typifying summer in Brooklyn, this convivial, all-outdoor bar lures a young clientele with cheap beer and nightly barbecues. ***(See p155)***

Barramundi
147 Ludlow Street
A Lower East Side rarity, Barramundi has a flower-filled garden, complete with fairytale lighting. ***(See p140)***

Ava Lounge
Majestic Hotel, 210 West 55th Street
On warm nights Ava's best feature is its patio filled with stylish cocktail-quaffers. Times Square lies within view. ***(See p152)***

B-Bar & Grill
40 East 4th Street
At the crossroads of East Village and West Village, B-Bar invites both camps into its large, illuminated back patio. ***(See p143)***

DANCE CLUBS

Cielo
18 Little West 12th Street
Seasoned DJs combine with a full-on crowd of clubbers in this small venue for nights of enjoyable mayhem on a sunken dance floor. ***(See p148)***

Volume
Wythe Ave. & North 13th St., Brooklyn
Underground hip-hop DJs, electro producers, and other creative music makers get Brooklynites moving at this warehouse. ***(See p156)***

The website http://nyc.flavorpill.net gives a roundup of forthcoming club nights and DJs playing in the city's bars.

Avalon
47 West 20th Street
A church converted into a cavernous dancing and lounging space for Ibiza-scale crowds of clubbers and top international DJs. ***(See p149)***

Galapagos
70 North 6th Street, Brooklyn
Brooklyn's home for performance art, films, and irresistible DJ parties. Musical styles include glam rock, techno, and new wave. ***(See p157)***

Pussycat Lounge *trash & banter*

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96 Greenwich Street (at Rector St.) • 212 349 4800
www.pussycatlounge.com Open Mon–Sat from around 9

A quiet block near Ground Zero adopts a delectably sleazy air when the Pussycat Lounge opens up for the night. Skip the first floor's depressing, 60s-style go-go strip club, and head upstairs for trashy burlesque shows, live bands, and ribald weekend dance parties. Try to wear something a little daring. **Adm**

Winnie's *Chinatown's livelist karaoke bar*

2 E1

104 Bayard Street (between Baxter & Mulberry Sts) • 212 732 2384
Open noon–4am daily

Someone is singing, and probably butchering, your favorite song right now here. Know before you go: 1. You'll pay $1 per song; 2. Swinging the mic is not allowed; 3. You'll share well-known choruses (such as in Neil Diamond's *Sweet Caroline*) with the crowd.

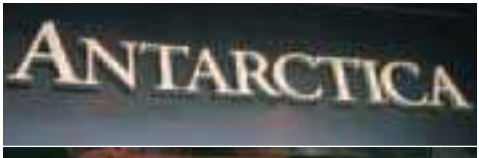
Antarctica *chilled beer hall*

3 C5

287 Hudson Street (at Spring St.) • 212 352 1666
www.antarcticabar.com
Open from 4:30 Mon–Fri, from 7 Sat

The owners of Antarctica claim that their bar has been in continuous business since the year in which Guinness was invented: 1759. You don't have to believe this, but there is certainly a feeling of age about the weathered wood floor planks, shining brass taps, and the picture of 19th-century, mustachioed drinkers on the wall. The overall effect is not of Earth's last frontier either, though Antarctica's location in the far reaches of SoHo lends it a certain remoteness that's appealing.

The bar has received many plaudits for its down-to-earth appeal in an upscale neighborhood. It has also won the "Best Bar to Shoot Pool" title from *NY Mag*. Booth seating and pitchers of beer ensure a merry crowd. Check the website to see if your first name qualifies you for free drinks on the night.



THOM's Bar *classy hotel bar*

3 C5

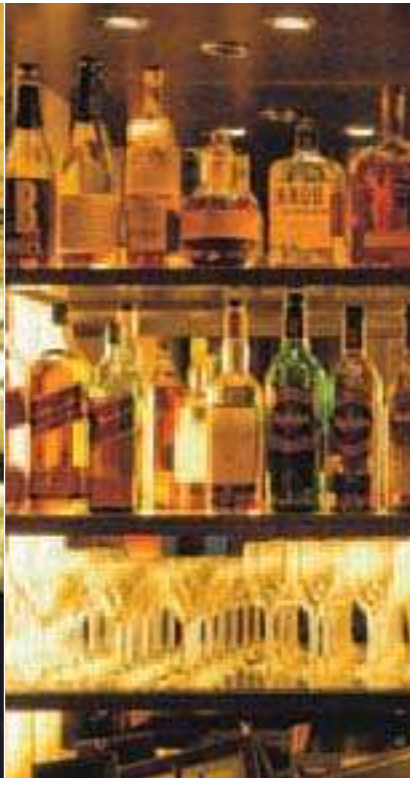
60 Thompson Street (between Broome & Spring Sts)
• 212 431 0400
www.60thompson.com Open from 5 nightly

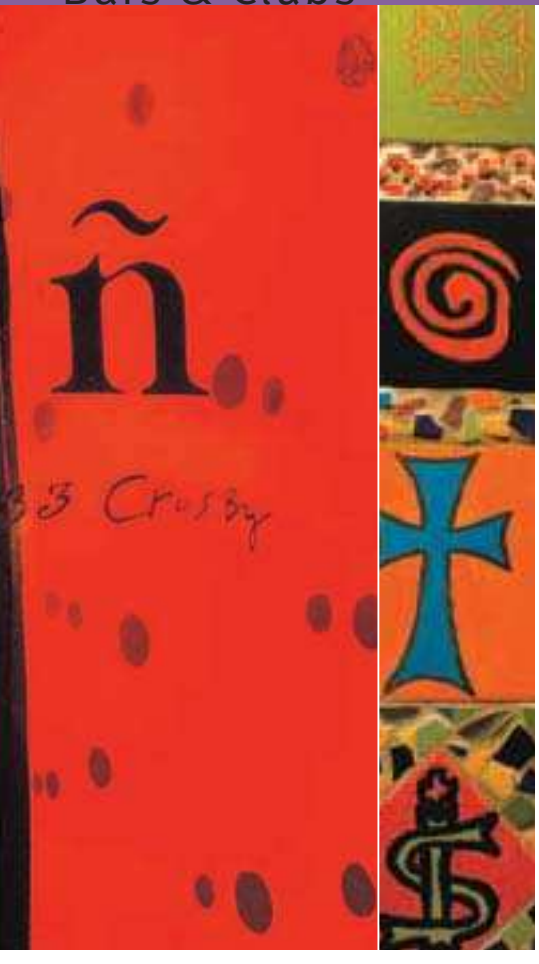
The boutique hotel bar craze that swept Manhattan in the 1990s shows no signs of fatigue at this bar set in the lobby of the sleek 60 Thompson Hotel.

A sense of occasion starts to build from the moment you approach the chic SoHo address. The glass entrance is grandly set back from the curb and manned by cordial, black-clad doormen. You'll be directed up to THOM's Bar, which instantly gives the impression of classic sophistication with its leather parlor chairs, massive marble fireplace, and lofty ceilings. Modern touches can be seen in the lacquer-black bar, gracefully arching chrome lamps, and strongly geometric purple sofas and banquettes.

A typical weekend night attracts an international, casually fashionable crowd partial to specialty cocktails. The signature THOM is a blend of the very pure Skyy citrus vodka, fresh lime, and mint. Sidecars, lychee Martinis, Tom Collins, and others are deftly mixed by bartenders who look as if they've stepped off the pages of hip lifestyle magazine *Wallpaper**.

On particularly crowded nights, patrons have no compunction about taking their drinks to the adjacent lobby, where the acid jazz music is quieter than in the bar, and seating does not come at such a premium.





ñ *atmospheric Spanish bar* **3 D5**
33 Crosby Street (between Grand & Broome Sts)
• 212 219 8856
Open from 5 nightly (to 4am Fri & Sat; cash only)

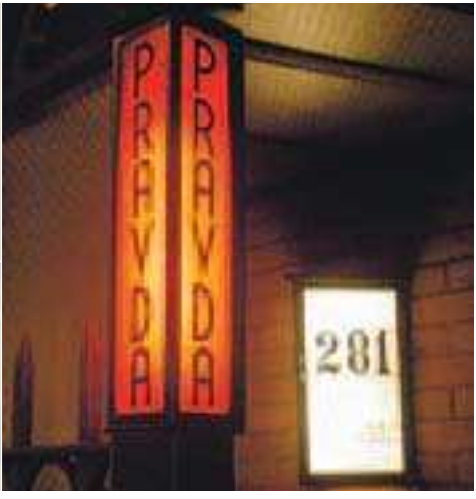
The labyrinthine lanes of Madrid's old quarter lie a considerable distance from SoHo, but past midnight – especially on Wednesdays – this somewhat desolate stretch of Crosby Street adopts a distinctly *madrileño* mood. As you open the door to ñ (pronounced "enyay"), the insistent, passionate rhythms of flamenco immediately grab you.

An intimate and authentic Spanish tapas bar, ñ is just wide enough to accommodate a few musicians and dancers for its Wednesday flamenco showcase. It compensates for its diminutive size, however, with a genial, Iberian atmosphere. An international mix of artists and professionals gathers at the long, gleaming copper bar to choose from a selection of 20 sherries and affordable Spanish wines by the glass. Among the popular tapas plates are savory toasted almonds, addictive briny olives, and luscious *tetilla con membrillo*: mild, creamy cheese served with a sweet quince paste.

At weekends patrons pack four-deep at the bar, which can result in brusque drink service, but weeknights – Wednesdays excepted – are comparatively quiet and easygoing. A homely bar, ñ concedes few points to its style-driven downtown environs. Except, that is, for the one-way glass on the bathroom doors. Fear not, however: the only view afforded is from inside the stall looking out.

Temple Bar *for lounging lovers* **4 E4**
332 Lafayette Street (between Houston & Bleecker Sts)
• 212 925 4242
www.templebarnyc.com Open from 5 Mon–Sat

Exuding luxury and romance from every dimmed Deco wall lamp, Temple Bar is a favorite destination among amorous NoHo couples. Discreet servers bring Martinis to the table, while the sultry crooning drifting from the speakers raises the seduction ante.



Pravda *Russian speakeasy* 4 E4

281 Lafayette Street (between Houston & Prince Sts)
• 212 226 4944
»www.pravdany.com Open from 5 Mon–Sat, from 6 Sun (closed Sun in Jul & Aug)

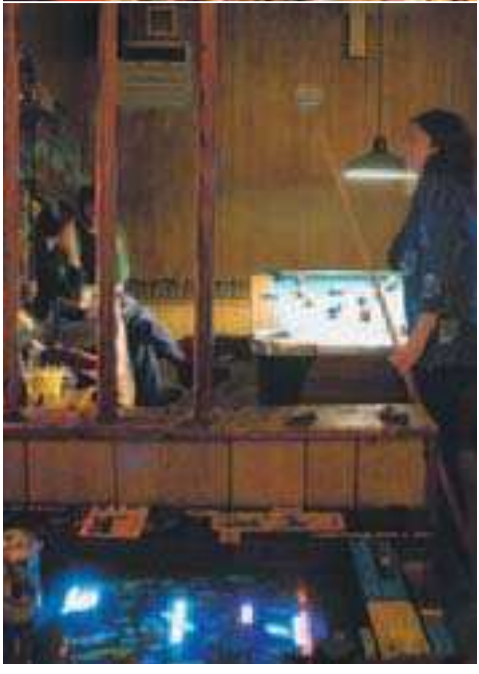
Keen eyes are indispensable for locating this subterranean SoHo destination, indicated by a lone red lamp atop an iron banister. At the entrance, crimson velvet curtains part to reveal a sprawling lounge painted terra cotta and furnished with burgundy parlor chairs, candlelit cocktail tables, and leaded glass wall lamps. Combined with the Cyrillic characters stenciled on low ceiling arches, the scene evokes the gritty romance of a Moscow train station, circa 1929. Statuesque, black-clad servers weave between throngs of chic patrons, balancing cocktail trays laden with generous vodka shots, single-malt Scotches and house specialties such as the Nolita: chilled mango-infused vodka, apricot liqueur, and lime juice. In true vodka-room style, Pravda also offers an appealing menu of European finger foods, from garlicky mussels to smoked-fish plates and caviar.

Upstairs, a tiny lounge, with no more than one couch and a bar, is a prime spot for amorous couples – that is, if they can ignore the constant parade of drinkers traipsing up to use Pravda's bathrooms.

Lansky Lounge *discreet cocktail bar* 4 G4

104 Norfolk Street (between Delancey & Rivington Sts)
• 212 677 9489
»www.lanskylounge.com Open from 6 nightly

A spacious, modern bar, named after one of the neighborhood's most notorious sons, Jewish gangster Meyer Lansky. Join the uptown crowd through the "speakeasy" entrance. Excellent classic cocktails, plus DJs spin hip-hop on Wednesdays and weekends.



Welcome to the Johnson's *the real dive bar*

4 F4

123 Rivington Street (between Norfolk & Essex Sts)
• 212 420 9911
Open 11–5, 6–4 daily (cash only)

While some New York bars may classify themselves as "dives," a close inspection often reveals that the shabby decor has been painstakingly cultivated, the jukebox song catalogue caters only to esoteric tastes, the place is full of elitist poseurs, and the beer is $7 a glass. Whereas the genuine requirements of an American dive bar are cheap beer, anthemic rock music, decrepit furniture, and graffitied bathrooms – nothing else will do.

Fortunately, there is a Lower East Side bar that delivers the requisite attributes with just the right touch of self-assured, devil-may-care attitude: Welcome to the Johnson's – or, as it's known to the regulars, The Johnson's.

Though it opens late morning, the fun really begins from around 6pm, as the neighborhood's young musicians, professionals, and students make themselves comfortable on thrift-shop sofas. The favorite beer, Pabst Blue Ribbon, is absurdly cheap. Diversions involve playing pool on a warped billiard table, waging intergalactic warfare on the vintage video game machine, and feeding dollar bills into the hard-rocking juke.

A word of caution: The Johnson's gets very crowded after 10pm. Also, the bathroom stalls are not for the squeamish. Consider yourself informed.

Barramundi *backpackers' hangout*

4 F4

67 Clinton Street (between Stanton & Rivington Sts)
• 212 529 6900
www.barramundinyc.com Open 6–4 daily

Young travelers feel at home at this funky, Australian-owned Lower East Side bar. An international crowd sips reasonably priced beverages on the back room's couches while gesturing at the otherworldly wall sculptures. Daily "happy hour" from 6 to 9pm.

Slipper Room *lively entertainment*

4 F4

167 Orchard Street (at Stanton St.) • 212 253 7246
www.slipperroom.com Open from 8 nightly

Five dollars is usually all that's required to experience anything from burlesque and classic vaudeville theater to cash-prize trivia nights at this inviting Lower East Side lounge. The crowd changes according to the event schedule, but patrons infallibly arrive equipped with sharp wits and playful attitudes.

Parkside Lounge *easygoing joint*

4 G4

317 East Houston Street (between Aves A & B) • 212 673 6270
www.parksidelounge.com Open from 1 daily

Cheap beers, generous cocktails, and zero attitude draw neighborhood residents young and old to the Parkside. In the afternoon, the affable crowd's banter mixes with the jukebox's classic country. Nighttime arrivals head straight to the back room, where bluegrass bands and burlesque troupes perform.

Chez es Saada *North African vibe*

4 F4

42 East 1st Street (between 1st & 2nd Aves) • 212 777 5617
www.chezessaada.com Open from 6 nightly

Follow the trail of fresh rose petals from the undistinguished street-level lounge down into a sumptuous Moroccan-style grotto. Here, fashionable lovebirds steal kisses across candlelit alcove tables, singles flirt at the bar over signature plum Martinis, and North African rhythms evoke a world far away.

2A *rocking bar & upstairs lounge*

4 F3

25 Avenue A (between 2nd & 3rd Sts) • 212 505 2466
Open from 4–4 daily

For better or worse, 2A has become an easy place to spot a hip celebrity. New Wave and punk music from the 70s set the tone at the street-level bar. The couch-filled upstairs lounge is cozier, with a more flirtatious atmosphere. Though most of the clientele drinks beer, 2A's red wine selection should not be overlooked.

KGB *vodka & old Russia*

4 E3

85 East 4th Street (between 2nd & 3rd Aves) • 212 505 3360
www.kgbbar.com Open from 6 nightly

Detached from the frenetic barhopping of nearby 2nd Avenue is this Bolshevik-red, dimly-lit den of Soviet nostalgia. Staff keep glasses full of vodka or Central European imported pilsners, while bookish patrons turn up for occasional readings by guest novelists. Vintage Leninist posters adorn the walls.

Swift *Celtic vibe*

4 E3

34 East 4th Street (between Bowery & Lafayette St.) • 212 260 3600
www.swiftbarnyc.com Open noon–4am daily

A mural of Irish satirist Jonathan Swift raising a pint of Guinness welcomes Irish expats, NYU students, and everyone else to this spacious pub. Come for the wide draft beer selection, hearty pub food, sharp-witted bartenders, weekly live Irish music, and cheer.

McSorley's *historic ale house*

4 E3

15 East 7th Street (between 2nd & 3rd Aves) • 212 473 9148
Open from 11am Mon–Sat, from 1pm Sun

Reputedly New York's oldest bar, McSorley's hasn't changed much since Civil War president Abraham Lincoln hoisted his tankard here. You'll still find sawdust littering the wooden floor, drinkers from around the globe crowding the rustic booths, and robust dark and pale ales on draft. *(See also p17.)*

Angel's Share *cocktails with a Tokyo flavor*

4 E2

8 Stuyvesant Street (at 3rd Ave.) • 212 777 5415
Open from 7 nightly

Standing is not allowed, nor are groups exceeding four people, but with these criteria met, Angel's Share is a wonderful place for cocktails. In fact, you might not find better classic mixes anywhere downtown. There's an extensive sake selection and delicate Japanese bar snacks too. Service is exemplary.

Nevada Smith's *soccer-oriented bar*

4 E2

74 3rd Avenue (between 11th & 12th Sts) • 212 982 2591
www.nevadasmiths.net Open 11am–4am daily

Diehard soccer fans, behold your Manhattan headquarters. Upstairs, jersey-wearing Europeans and a dusting of Americans sip pints while watching their favorite teams on TV. Downstairs, the scene is different, with dim lighting, polished wooden furnishings, and, on Thursdays, stand-up comedy.

B-Bar & Grill *East-West Village crossover*

4 E3

40 East 4th Street (between Bowery & Lafayette St.)
• 212 475 2220
www.bbarandgrill.com Open 11:30–3am Mon–Fri, 10:30–3am Sat & Sun

Barring an electrical blackout, you cannot miss the B-Bar: a neon red sign protrudes from the facade, and towering trees sparkle under a multicolored blanket of festive lights. Aside from its location between New York's East and West villages, this former petrol station has other attributes that place it on the nocturnal crossroads of the East/West divide. The fabulous outdoor patio – with its nicely spaced tables and bar – draws equal numbers of conservative West Villagers and their counterculture-embracing neighbors to the east. Inside the handsome dining room and at the bar, retro vinyl booths, wood-beamed ceilings, and mammoth framed photographs suggest a hip, East Side sensibility; yet this is executed with a polish befitting a refined West 4th Street bistro.

Neighborhood allegiances aside, everybody unites in their love for B-Bar's cocktails. Take note, however: the pretty hues of apple, lychee, and watermelon Martinis belie their explosive potency. Regarding the "Grill" portion of the name, B-Bar offers a varied, if somewhat uneven, American diner menu. But the crowd-pleasing, busy, prix-fixe brunch on the weekend brings the nighttime vibe into day: chatty crowds, outside seating in good weather, and an unlimited supply of Mimosas and Bloody Marys.

Bar Veloce *Italian-style wine bar*

4 E2

175 2nd Avenue (between 11th & 12th Sts) • 212 260 3200
www.barveloce.com Open from 5 nightly

This comfortable, sleek little wine bar would not look out of place on the elegant streets of Florence. A smart menu of Italian snacks, from toasted panini to Nutella and fruit plates, gives peckish drinkers something to nibble while choosing a wine. Glasses are priced under $10, bottles up to $80.

Beauty Bar *intimate theme bar*

4 E2

231 East 14th Street (between 2nd & 3rd Aves) • 212 539 1389
www.beautybar.com Open 5–4 nightly (from 7 Sat, Sun)

True to its name, the place is swathed in retro beauty-salon kitsch. East Village rockers and NYU graduate students sip potent cocktails bearing names like "Aqua Net" at the bar, while 1970s glam rock and punk blare out. Check out the "happy hour" until 9pm weekdays for deals on drinks. Manicures are on offer, too.

Lotus

3 A2

409 West 14th Street (between 9th & 10th Aves) • 212 243 4420
www.lotusnewyork.com Open 10pm–4am Tue–Sun

It's been several years since this sleek, sexy club opened its black lacquer doors in a neighborhood best known for wholesale meat butchers, rumbling garbage trucks, and transvestite prostitutes. In so doing, Lotus helped blaze the trail that converted the Meatpacking District into a hotbed of nightlife.

Imitated throughout the city, Lotus's design is still the best, with three distinct areas for lounging upstairs, pan-Asian dining on the ground floor, and dancing below. The place exudes a subtle Eastern warmth, with its mix of blonde and cherry woods, rusty-red walls, and half-moon banquettes. The cocktail menu features signature blackberry Caipirinhas. Friday's house party GBH pulls in a serious dance crowd, while Saturday's blend of 1980s pop and contemporary hip-hop draws a more mainstream, uptown element. **Adm**

Korova Milk Bar *homage to a cult film*

4 F2

200 Avenue A (between 12th & 13th Sts) • 212 254 8838
www.korovamilkbar.com Open from 7–4 nightly

From the rounded, swooping white script above the doorway to the geometric zebra stripes lining the entrance hall, visitors to Korova know a distinctive visual experience awaits them. The entire place is a homage to Stanley Kubrick's 1971 film about brutality and youth, *A Clockwork Orange*; indeed, the bar takes its name from the film (it was the haunt of Malcolm Macdowell's band of miscreants). Once inside, film buffs will immediately recognize many references, such as the stark white, wigged and lipsticked mannequins protruding from the walls. The cinematic homage continues with wall-mounted video monitors and curvaceous, matching black and white recliners swathed in vinyl and velvet, perched on a platform opposite the exceptionally long bar. Korova is a final destination on the East Village/Alphabet City barhopping circuit, so before midnight the spacious floor has room to spare.

After midnight, 1970s punk and glam blares, while a throwback bunch of mods, punks, and stragglers recounts the night's wanderings over cheap beer, Jack Daniel's shots, and wicked vodka gimlets. For those who possess the stomach for it at such an hour, Korova's series of signature cocktails, Molokos (of course), should not be missed. The Moloko is an ice cream-based concoction, mixed with any number of liqueurs and flavorings, served in a Martini glass and kept cool in an ice-filled miniature fishbowl.

Rue B *Gallic-style retreat*

4 G2

188 Avenue B • 212 358 1700
Open from noon Mon–Fri, from 10:30am Sat & Sun

Rue B's seductive air renders any intention of East Village barhopping pointless. The Parisian-style bar is decked out with comfy banquettes, offers respectable French wine, bistro menus, and – its *coup de grâce* – hosts live jazz with no cover charge. With all that on offer, there's no need to go anywhere else.

DJ bars usually charge an entrance fee after around 10 or 11pm

Uncle Ming's *cozy, crazy lounge*

4 G2

225 Avenue B, 2nd Floor (between 13th & 14th Sts)
• 212 959 8506
www.unclemings.com Open 7–4 Tue–Fri (from 8 Sat)

Discreetly plying its trade above a liquor store, this unmarked lounge has the atmosphere of a party that's strictly for the in-crowd. Deep purple and pink lighting, old chandeliers, strong cocktails, and DJs spinning electro beats inspire a flirtatious vibe among the cool.

Sullivan Room *relaxed clubbing*

3 C3

218 Sullivan Street (between Bleecker & W. 3rd Sts)
• 212 252 2151
www.sullivanroom.com Open from 10 Thu–Sun

This modest, subterranean West Village jewel is one of those rare spaces in which you can feel comfortable whether you've come to dance to soulful house, lounge with friends, or converse at the bar. A refreshing lack of attitude comes with the territory. **Adm**

Vol de Nuit *Belgian beer & cheer*

3 C3

148 West 4th Street (at 6th Ave.) • 212 982 3388
Open from 7:30 nightly

Behind an inconspicuous door on West 4th, Vol de Nuit counts eight Belgian brews on draft – each served in its appropriate style of glass – and dozens of others in bottles. Snacks are wonderful: Belgian fries served in paper cones, and mussels paired with irresistible sauces. There's an outdoor courtyard, too.

Chumley's *former speakeasy*

3 B3

86 Bedford Street (between Grove & Barrow Sts)
• 212 675 4449 Open from 5 daily

"Eighty-sixed," the American bartender's code for denying service to a particularly inebriated patron, evolved from the address of this institution in the 1920s Prohibition era. Booth seating and yellowing portraits of famed writers who once sipped their pints here round out the warm, convivial pub atmosphere.

Stonewall *famous & still fabulous*

3 B3

53 Christopher Street (at 7th Ave.) • 212 463 0950
Open from 2:30pm daily

When this bar's predominantly gay male clientele resisted a police raid in 1969, the ensuing riot touched off NYC's gay activist movement. Stonewall demands reverence, but it's also a fun place. Campy 1960s pop music and multicolored lighting dominate the main bar, and drag queens strut their stuff nightly.

Blind Tiger Ale House *serious beers*

3 B3

518 Hudson Street (at W. 10th St.) • 212 675 3848
www.blindtiger.citysearch.com Open noon–4am Mon–Fri, (from 1 Sat & Sun)

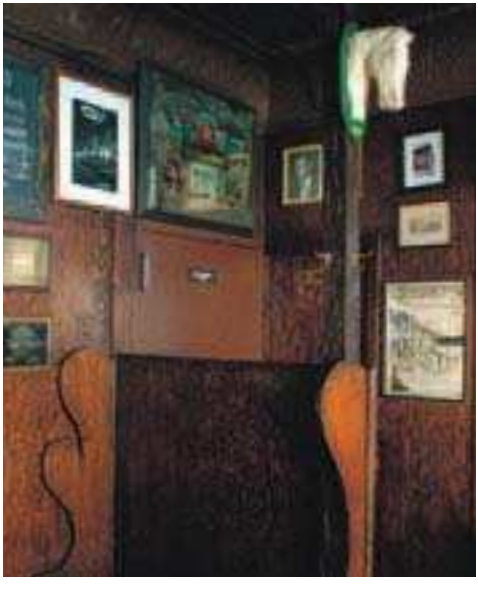
West Village beer connoisseurs hoist their pints at the convivial Blind Tiger. No fewer than 24 microbrews chill on draft. It's one of New York's most friendly, casual places for mid-week beer drinking. Go on Wednesday evening for free cheese parings.

White Horse Tavern *writers' haunt*

3 B3

567 Hudson Street (between Perry & W. 11th St.) • 212 243 9260
Open from 11am daily

Few New York bars shelter as many literary ghosts as the White Horse Tavern. Before the West Village became a gentrified expanse of French bistros and NYU dormitories, this circa-1880 bar was a favorite spot for the neighborhood's Bohemian writers to brood over 20-cent ales. But the address attained infamy in 1953, when – as legend has it – the Welsh poet and dramatist Dylan Thomas dropped dead outside, the victim of undiagnosed diabetes and untold whiskeys. Fittingly, posters from Thomas's theatrical productions line the dark wood walls. Grandfather clocks, porcelain horses, a pressed tin ceiling – even the bartenders' amiable rapport with afternoon regulars – evoke a bygone era. But it's decidedly 21st-century after work and at weekends, when crowds fill the bar and adjoining dining rooms.



Cubbyhole *one for the girls*

3 B2

281 West 12th Street (between W. 4th St. & Greenwich Ave.)
• 212 243 9041
Open from 4–4 Mon–Fri (from 2 Sat & Sun)

If the suspended goldfish figurines, Chinese lanterns, and whimsical bar stools at this lesbian bar don't charm you, perhaps this will: half-price drinks until 7pm, all-you-can-drink specials on Saturday nights, and notoriously huge Martinis. Very friendly and casual.

Rhône *cavernous wine bar*

3 A2

63 Gansevoort Street (between Greenwich & Washington Sts)
• 212 367 8440
www.rhonenyc.com Open from 5:30 Mon–Sat

Among the Meatpacking District's industrial-chic nightclubs, Rhône is an enormous wine bar with a copper bar and futuristic, lime-green recliners. Gallery owners, models, and downtown professionals sip any of 30 vintages by the glass, and nibble from tasting plates.

Cielo *award-winning dance club*

3 A2

18 Little West 12th Street (between 9th Ave. & Washington St.)
• 212 645 5700
www.cieloclub.com Open 10–4 Wed–Sat

Soulful house with Latin grooves leave patrons little choice but to abandon their suede banquettes and storm the sunken dance floor. Co-owned by DJ Nicolas Matar (well-known on the Ibiza scene), Cielo attracts clubbers and top DJs from around the world. **Adm**

Daytime Bars

When a thirst for something stronger than bottled water strikes you during midtown sightseeing, these bars make welcome stops. The daytime crowd at **Rudy's Bar & Grill** in Hell's Kitchen is as friendly as any you'll find, and Miles Davis on the jukebox makes a welcome change from the classic rock barrage of neighboring bars. Murray Hill's campy **Cabin Club at Pinetree Lodge** has a huge back patio where potent fruit slushes are dispensed to a fun, flirty crowd. Afternoon sophistication abounds at the rooftop **Mica Bar**, within blocks of the United Nations. A parlor atmosphere pervades the **Hudson Hotel's Library Bar**, where chessboards, architecture books, and a purple-felt billiard table are all at guests' disposal. For full addresses, *see p228*.

Roxy *perennially popular nightclub*

3 A1

515 West 18th Street (between 10th & 11th Aves) • 212 645 5156

www.roxynyc.com Open Wed, Fri & Sat nights

Friday-night house, salsa, and hip-hop tend to mean this most massive of Chelsea clubs is overrun by a young crowd. By contrast, Wednesday Roller Skating nights offer a fun, if bruising reminder of disco's last days. Saturday brings NYC's biggest gay party. **Adm**

Avalon *Chelsea club with attitude*

3 C1

47 West 20th Street (at 6th Ave.) • 212 807 7780

www.nyavalon.com Check website for club nights

Avalon occupies hallowed ground on two counts: it's housed in a Gothic church and is the former address of Limelight, a legendary 1980s club that engendered near-religious devotion among its regulars. These days, a mixed gay and straight crowd comes to lounge and dance to the sounds of the world's top DJs. **Adm**

Eugene *upscale schmoozing post*

6 E5

27 West 24th Street (between 5th & 6th Aves) • 212 462 0999

www.eugenenyc.com Open from 5–4 Thu–Sat

Realized in Art Deco retro, Eugene is a spacious supper club designed with big spending in mind. Well-dressed Flatiron professionals nibble tuna tartare in the cream-hued dining room, then settle themselves onto burgundy banquettes and ottomans in the adjacent lounge. There's dancing on weekends.

Serena *soft pink lounge*

5 C5

Chelsea Hotel, 222 West 23rd Street (between 7th & 8th Aves) • 212 255 4646

www.serenanyc.com Open from 6 Tue–Fri, from 7 Sat & Sun

It's had a makeover to meet fire-safety standards, but the home of pop culture personalities hasn't lost its touch. The Chelsea's subterranean Serena lounge delights with its new velvet couches and pink walls up front, and Moroccan motifs in the adjacent rooms.

For advice on tipping in bars, see p233

Hiro *hotel lounge with a Japanese theme*

3 A1

366 West 17th Street (at 9th Ave.) • 212 727 0212
www.themaritimehotel.com Open from 10 nightly

The lounge at the Maritime Hotel is Chelsea's brooding-celebrity scene of the moment. Fashion models and rock stars sip sake, while, behind a luminescent rice paper wall, more energized guests move to 1980s pop, rock remixes, and electro in Hiro's sizeable ballroom. Not famous? Try a weeknight.

Glass *receptacle for the beautiful people*

5 B5

287 10th Avenue (at 26th St.) • 212 904 1580
Open Tue–Sat 8–4

An ultra-cool design and Brazilian electro rhythms draw Chelsea's gallery set to Glass like magnets. In summer, the bamboo-filled patio is the site for one of Manhattan's most exclusive people-watching scenes. Models, artists, and curators mingle over *caipiruva* cocktails, made from cachaça rum and crushed grapes.

Bungalow 8 *West Coast seduction*

5 B4

515 West 27th Street (between 10th & 11th Sts) • 212 629 3333
Open from 10 nightly

Nightlife impresario Amy Sacco delivers a cozy, albeit exclusive, Hollywood Hills-inspired lounge to Chelsea's young style mavens. Strike your most unaffected L.A. pose – $30 glass of champagne in hand – amid swimming pool murals, quirky designer furniture, and potted palms. A digital "sunset wall" stands in for that most essential of Californian ingredients – the sun setting on the ocean.

Spirit *holistic nightlife*

5 B4

530 West 27th Street (between 10th & 11th Sts) • 212 268 9477
www.spiritnewyork.com Open from 10 Fri & Sat (Wed, Thu & Sun occasionally)

Eastern and Native American religions have inspired this "wellness club." Spirit has three zones: Mind, a holistic spa with massage rooms; Body, an immense dance space, with superstar DJs; and Soul, an organic restaurant, overlooking the dance floor. **Adm**

Copacabana *salsa, meréngue & samba* 5 B3

560 West 34th Street (between 10th & 11th Aves)
• 212 239 2672
www.copacabanany.com Open from 6 Tue, Thu, from 10 Fri–Sun

With its plush beige banquettes and Art Deco palm-frond motifs, the capacious Copa evokes the glamour of a 1940s supper club in Havana. Massive dance floors and stage. Dress strictly to impress. **Adm**

The Ginger Man *distinguished ale house* 6 E3

11 East 36th Street (between Madison & 5th Aves)
• 212 532 3740
www.gingermanpub.com Open from lunchtime daily

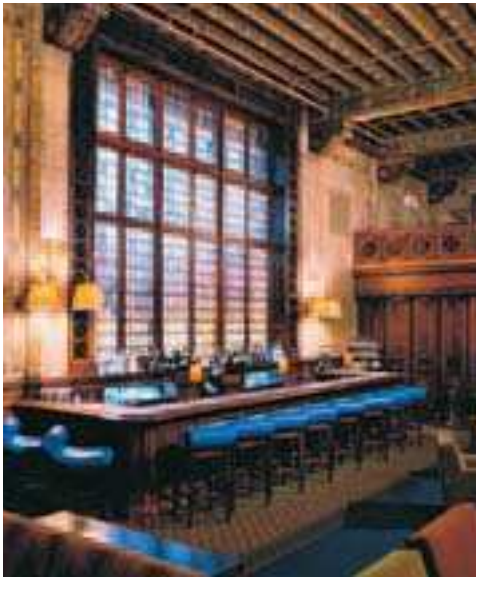
This handsome bar includes all the accoutrements of a classic pub: lustrous woods, booth seating, and hearty food. Despite the vintage Guinness signage, it's Belgian ales and single-malt Scotches that fill the glasses of most regulars and visitors.

Campbell Apartment *pricey cocktails* 6 F2

15 Vanderbilt Avenue, Southwest Balcony,
Grand Central Terminal • 212 953 0409
www.hospitalityholdings.com Open 3–1 Mon–Sat, 3–11 Sun

For all its restored Beaux Arts splendor, Grand Central Station can still be a hassle. But the sting of crowds and late trains can be swiftly soothed by the divine cocktails at Campbell Apartment. Formerly the office of 1920s railroad tycoon John W. Campbell, it looks every bit the inner sanctum of a prosperous American industrialist, with dark wood paneling, monstrous stone fireplace, and intricate, leaded glass windows.

Suited midtown professionals unwind on comfy parlor furniture or on high bar stools, tapping feet to swing and calypso rhythms. The deceptively potent libations include Prohibition Punch – a mix of passion fruit juice, cognac, Grand Marnier, and champagne. A small balcony provides more privacy for latter-day John W.s to discuss mergers and acquisitions. Note: no sneakers, jeans, or baseball caps are allowed.



Métrazur *Grand Central splendor* 6 F2

East Balcony, Grand Central Terminal • 212 687 4600
www.charliepalmer.com/metrazur
Open 11:30am–3pm Mon–Fri, 5–10:30pm Mon–Sat, 2–8 Sun

Métrazur packs enough panache to lure rail travelers and non-commuters alike to Grand Central's East Balcony. Smart professionals relish Charlie Palmer's beautifully crafted cocktails, such as the Riviera: Dubonnet, Grand Marnier, blood orange and lime juice.

Single Room Occupancy *discreet bar* 7 C5

360 West 53rd Street (between 8th & 9th Aves) • 212 765 6299
Open from 5–4 Mon–Sat

This Theater District cubbyhole might be midtown's best-kept secret. Ring the outdoor buzzer, and a member of staff will show you into a dark bar, where chic patrons sip Malbecs and full-bodied Brooklyn Monster Ale served in elegant glassware. House music pounds from the stereo.

Ava Lounge *modernist vision at the Majestic* 7 D5

Top of Majestic Hotel, 210 West 55th Street (between Broadway & 7th Ave.) • 212 956 7020
www.avaloungenyc.com Open from 5 daily

The 1950s Golden Age of cocktail culture is evoked here through gorgeous linear furnishings, geometric patterns on the bar, designer Martinis, and jazzy house music. The outdoor patio comes into its own in summer – you'll be mesmerized by nearby Times Square.

Flûte *Theater District champagne lounge* 7 D5

205 West 54th Street (between Broadway & 7th Ave.) • 212 265 5169
www.flutebar.com Open 5–4 Mon–Sat (live jazz Thu–Sat)

Velvet couches, Belle Époque poster art, discreet alcoves, and cuddling couples create a cosy, romantic mood. Choose your bubbly from 100 bottles (18 are available by the flute). Tasting plates feature smoked salmon, tuna tartare, and foie gras. Live jazz and DJs.

Russian Vodka Room *for connoisseurs*

7 C5

265 West 52nd Street (between 7th & 8th Aves)
• 212 307 5835
Open from 4 daily

Gloss, glamour, and rampant pretension are the usual hallmarks of Manhattan lounges with extensive vodka selections. Fortunately, the Russian Vodka Room dodges this unsavory trend. The block's boisterous theater crowds rarely even notice RVR's black awning amid the twinkling lights, which means that proceedings inside the windowless lounge are intimate and relaxed. East Europeans, young and old, sit at the crescent-shaped wood bar or alcove tables, talking animatedly over music from a resident pianist.

No fewer than 50 kinds of the potent spirit fill the shelves. The large glass jars you may notice above the coat rack hold home-made vodka infusions – try a bracing shot of horseradish, tangy cranberry, or mellow pear. An extensive menu of Russian delicacies, from borscht to caviar, is also available.

Baraonda *Italo-Latin festivity*

8 G2

1439 2nd Avenue (at 75th St.) • 212 288 8555
»www.baraondany.com Open from 5:30 Mon–Sun

Baraonda single-handedly proves that staid Upper East Siders can, in fact, party. Around midnight, the restaurant transforms into a Latin American dance house, with samba, techno, and *rock en español* compelling revelers to gulp down sangría and dance on the tables. (Skip the middling, overpriced food.)

Bemelmans Bar *cabaret & cocktails*

8 E1

Carlyle Hotel, 35 East 76th Street (at Madison Ave.)
• 212 744 1600
»www.thecarlyle.com Open noon–2am daily

Ludwig Bemelmans, creator of the *Madeline* children's book series, painted the exquisite zoological mural in this superb uptown piano lounge. Top cabaret acts, subdued lighting, and peerless classic cocktails set the tone for romantic evenings. Attire can be casual.

Jimmy's Uptown *jazz & more in Harlem*

11 D3

2207 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard (at 130th St.)
• 212 491 4000 Open from early evening daily; also for gospel brunch Sun

Jimmy Rodriguez gives classic Southern soul food a gourmet twist (think filet mignon with horseradish grits). After dinner, the slick dining room transforms into one of Harlem's hottest clubs, with live jazz, R&B, and reggae. Local hip-hop impresarios are fans.

Frank's Lounge *DJ bar*

13 B4

660 Fulton Street (between Lafayette & S. Elliot Sts)
• 718 625 9339
www.frankscocktaillounge.com Open from 5 nightly

New York's best classic 1960s soul and R&B jukebox sets the weeknight mood for nights of bonhomie among the clientele and the bar staff. Weekends are when DJs play hip-hop and soulful house, and the dance floor is jam-packed with Brooklyn's urban elite.

Zombie Hut *surprisingly refined lounge*

13 B4

261 Smith Street (between Degraw & Douglass Sts)
• 718 855 2736
Open from 5:30 nightly

The cartoonish name suggests tiki bar clichés such as plastic palms and grass skirts, but this intimate cocktail lounge on Brooklyn's restaurant row is a dreamier, plusher evocation of Polynesia. Young couples share potent Mai Tais by the stone fireplace, while jazzy electronic music plays. The ambience is friendly but probably not for those who are looking for a quiet couple of beers.

Ultra-colorful cocktails such as the Tiki Torch, Singapore Sling, and Scorpion Bowl are quite reasonably priced but pack a punch and (warning!) may have a tiny palm tree or a monkey floating in them. Try a pink and powerful Frozen Zombie with orange juice, rum and grenadine (to name a few of its poisons), just to kick off and you'll probably not remember much more of the evening.

Gowanus Yacht Club *local gem*

13 B4

323 Smith Street (at President St.) • 718 246 1321
Open May–Oct: from mid-afternoon daily

Summer in Carroll Gardens means strolls in the park and beers at the Yacht Club. Nautical only in name, this tiny outdoor bar feels as convivial as a suburban backyard. Patio furniture, sizzling burgers and festive lights keep a hip crowd lingering long after their cheap domestic beers have been drained.

Great Lakes *graduates' gathering*

13 C4

284 5th Avenue (at 1st St.) • 718 499 3710
Open from 6 nightly

This spacious Park Slope favorite, with its worn couches, young, amiable crowd, and cracking indie-rock jukebox, suggests a college dormitory lounge for grown-ups. Defend your thesis anew over a Brooklyn Lager while making friends at the bar or out on the sidewalk with the banished smokers.

Bars with Views

For all the millions of dollars sunk into New York's myriad theme bars and luxe lounges, a bar with appealing views will have endless allure. **Sky Bar**, atop the Herald Square outpost of the La Quinta Inn chain, offers ample proof. The 14th-floor terrace compensates for the diminutive size of its split outdoor/indoor patio and undistinguished drinks by providing spectacular views of the Empire State Building, which literally towers above you. It's a popular gathering spot for the neighborhood's young after-work crowd.

The **Boat Basin Café** presents as rarified a setting for drinking beer and quaffing burgers as any in New York: a quirky, spacious complex, with limestone archways in its outdoor courtyard that are reminiscent of a Moorish grotto. Watch sailboats ply the Hudson from your shaded, riverfront patio table along with sociable Upper West Side couples and families. The preferred retreat among young, cosmopolitan travelers keen on seeing and being seen is the new Hotel Gansevoort's aptly named **Plunge Bar**, adjacent to the hotel's rooftop pool. Sleek patio furniture and an unfalteringly beautiful clientele are formidable distractions from the 360-degree views.

The **View**, on the 47th floor of the Marriott Marquis Hotel, underwent a renovation in 2004 that removed the dance floor, but the bar still slowly revolves over Times Square. Comfy chairs and a famed mixologist make this a great spot to unwind (**www.nymarriottmarquis.com/hotel/view**).

As a counterpoint to all this refinement, nothing matches the gritty charm of hoisting your plastic beer cup at the weathered bar of **Ruby's** at Coney Island, where salty breezes and the boardwalk's colorful, wonderful spirit can be enjoyed free of charge. For full addresses, *see pp227–8*.

Another café-bar with a superb view over Central Park is The Met's Roof Garden Café (see p172)

Buttermilk Bar *Brooklynite classic*

13 C5

577 5th Avenue (at 16th St.) • 718 788 6297
Open from 6 nightly

Operated by the same people as Great Lakes *(see p155)*, Buttermilk is remote by Park Slope standards, but worth seeking out for its hip young atmosphere. There's an excellent indie-rock jukebox, ample booth seating, and Brooklyn Brewery beers on tap. A locals' local, Buttermilk's a place to chat with Brooklynites.

Trash *gay & lesbian bar*

13 C2

256 Grand Street (between Driggs & Roebling Sts) • 718 599 1000
Open 5–4 nightly

Trash (formerly Luxx, then Toybox) has established itself as the bar of choice for Williamsburg boys and girls who like to rock. Glittery vinyl booths fill with young singles nightly, but it's jam-packed on Fridays and Saturdays, when there's backroom dancing.

Larry Lawrence *easy-going lounge*

13 C2

295 Grand Street (between Roebling & Havermeyer Sts) • 718 218 7866
Open from 6 nightly

This bi-level Williamsburg space flaunts all the sophistication of a Manhattan lounge, without the pretension. Below, neighborhood professionals and artists sip reasonably-priced Martinis and wines by the glass. Above, smokers enjoy the views from an atrium.

Spuyten Duyvil *Belgian beers/wicked fun*

13 C2

359 Metropolitan Avenue (at Havermeyer St.) • 718 963-4140
Open from 5 nightly

A hundred different bottled beers and six rotating cask ales await beer connoisseurs at this cozy Williamsburg bar. The bright red facade hints at merriment. Inside, you'll find locals sampling rare Belgian brews, snacking on hot *soppressata* (spicy salami) sandwiches, and sharing group toasts.

Black Betty *Trashablanca*

13 C2

366 Metropolitan Ave (at Havermeyer St.) • 718 599 0243
Open Mon–Fri 5–4, Sat & Sun 7–4

Williamsburg hipsters flock to this intimate bar-lounge featuring Middle Eastern decor and food in the adjacent restaurant. Think dive bar meets Arabian bordello, with pumpkin-colored walls, sofas, red velvet and beaded curtains, and tapestries. Music can be either a live band, a DJ, or from the jukebox.

Galapagos *playhouse for the arty*

13 B2

70 North 6th Street (between Wythe & Kent Aves)
• 718 782 5188
>> www.galapagosartspace.com Open from 6 nightly

Almost every New York neighborhood boasts a space where the values, styles, and habits of its residents fuse into something emblematic. For Williamsburg – Brooklyn's much-hyped bastion of artistic activity – it is Galapagos. Anchoring North 6th Street's minimally appointed bistros, cutting-edge boutiques, and remaining vacant warehouses, the venue gives voice to musicians, wall space to film-makers and painters, and a great excuse for visitors to visit Williamsburg.

A soft magenta spotlight points out the door, beyond which sits a huge reflecting pool and, above it, a projection screen suspended in the air. Behind this theatrical entrance, the performance and bar area fills up with the neighborhood's hip young members of Brooklyn's arts and music scene. Lushly illuminated with ingenious spotlighting, the intimate stage hosts everything from avant-garde rock bands to risqué burlesque troupes – usually enthusiastically supported by friends in the audience.

Ocularis, a weekly film series, features domestic and international cinema. A film's director or one of its actors is often invited along for a post-screening discussion. Weekends bring DJs spinning electro, rock 'n' roll, soul, breakbeats, and more.

Some nights carry a cover charge, so check the website for information about scheduled events.

>> *For a listing of bars & clubs by category,* see pp227–9

streetlife

Away from the well-known tourist destinations are neighborhoods where New Yorkers shop, eat, and just hang out. To experience the variety and energy of authentic NY life, you need to visit places frequented by recent immigrants as well as born-and-bred New Yorkers. This chapter is the insider's view of where things happen for the locals – snapshots of street culture in a bubbling, bustling metropolis.

Lunchtime on Wall Street *Finance District frenzy*

1 D4

For a quintessential New York phenomenon, head to Wall Street between noon and 2pm on a weekday, and join the fast-paced business crowd for lunch. There are numerous delis and sandwich shops, including **Cosi**, **Pret a Manger**, the **Green Market**, and the **Amish Fine Food Market**. Be warned, though: ordering a sandwich in this high-powered financial district is not for the timid. Decide in advance what you want and be prepared to bark your order to an impatient server, who will yell "next" if you show any hesitation.

Once you've got through this experience, sit on the steps of **Federal Hall**, opposite the **Stock Exchange**. This is a good place for gazing along the concrete canyons. Alternatively, find a space in **Bowling Green Park** (south end of Broadway) or by the river in **Battery Park**. For a little calm after the lunchtime storm, **Trinity Church** (Map 1 D4) offers daily tours at 2pm, and Monday and Thursday music concerts at 1pm.

Canal Street *chopsticks & bargains*

2 E1

A visit to New York isn't complete without a walk along the main thoroughfare of Chinatown. Canal Street is always crowded with cars and people: a jumble of languages making themselves heard within the din.

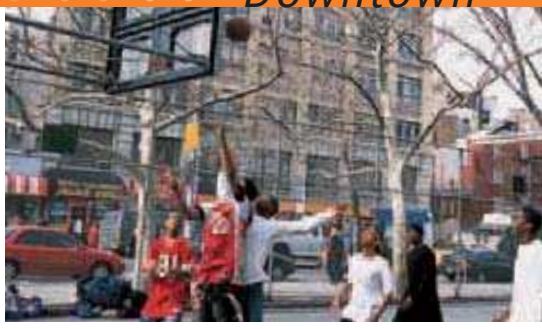
Street vendors peddle NYC T-shirts, counterfeit Rolex watches, and all manner of cheap knick-knacks. Ignore these and focus instead on the fresh produce, red bean buns, and Chinese paraphernalia in the stores on Canal Street and the quieter side streets of Bayard, Pell, and Mott. The **Chinatown Ice Cream Factory** on Bayard (No. 65) is an essential stop in summer; **HSF** on Bowery (No. 46) is fantastic for dim sum. **Great NY Noodle Town** on Bowery (No. 28½) also has good food.

For an insight into the local culture and history, visit the **Museum of Chinese in the Americas**, at the intersection of Mulberry and Bayard. The **Mahayana Buddhist Temple** on Canal Street (No. 133) is another Sino-American establishment that's worth a look; with a bright yellow facade it's impossible to miss.

West 4th Street Courts on 6th Avenue *sport on the streets*

3 C3

A simple area of asphalt by West 4th Street has become so popular for basketball that it has been officially recognized by the NYC Parks Department. Casual "pick-up" games occur year-round, and a summer tournament draws semi-pro players from around the world. Get in on the action: grab a hotdog from a street vendor, and cheer the players.



Meatpacking District *gentrified area*

3 A2

This historic district in the westernmost pocket of West Village, just below 14th Street, is undergoing rapid change. In its 19th-century heyday, the area housed over 200 slaughterhouses and meatpacking plants. A handful of these remain, but most of the meat business has moved up to the Bronx or out of the city altogether. The former meat storage facilities – many of them listed as landmarks – are being reborn as cafés, restaurants, galleries, bars, and chic stores, and the Meatpacking District is now the hang-out of models and celebrities. A shiny limousine is more often spotted than a side of beef these days. Remnants of the past can be seen, however, in architectural details. The curious metal awnings over the roads, for example, would have protected the meat as it was being moved off the trucks.

Cobbled **Gansevoort Street** was once a notorious spot for transvestite and she-male prostitutes. Diner/bistro **Florent** *(see p38)* opened on this street in 1985, pioneering the area's path to gentrification. Other established venues include **Cielo** *(see p148)*, a club where dancing is taken seriously, and French bistro **Pastis** *(see p221)*. High-end fashion boutiques **Stella McCartney** *(see p73)*, **Alexander McQueen** *(see p223)*, and **Jeffrey** *(see p74)* are steps away at 14th Street, while designer furniture is available at **Karkula Gallery** and **Vitra** *(see p224 for both)*. The former Gansevoort Docks now form part of the **Hudson River Park**. A waterside path is used by pedestrians, runners, cyclists, and roller-bladers, and leads past some scenic piers.

Visit www.meatpacking-district.com for more information about the area's shops and restaurants

Tompkins Square Park Dog Run *canine romps*

4 G2

If Fluffy isn't wearing the latest Burberry sweater, that's okay, so long as he's behaving and not sporting a spiked, pronged, or pinched collar. Toys aren't allowed either because "toys cause fights." These are some of the many rules, carefully displayed at the entrance to the dog run at Tompkins Square Park. This singular spot is the culmination of the American obsession with regulations and the New Yorker's need to give his or her dog room to promenade and socialize.

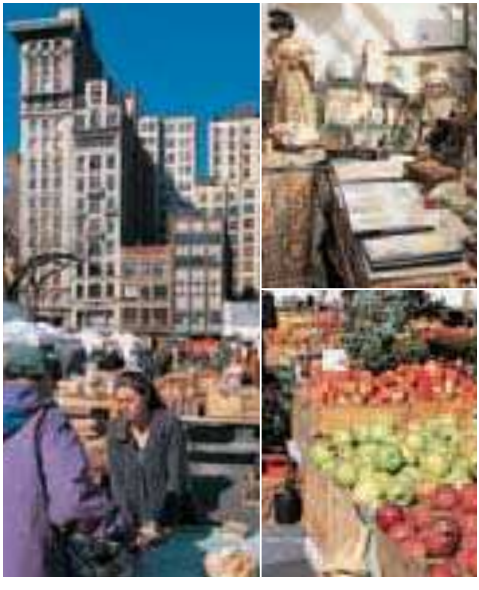
Once the preserve of drug users and prostitutes, the park is decidedly bourgeois now – the orderly dog run and its prim owners are a testament to that. Once you have gazed at the dog-walking spectacle over the fence (no people without dogs allowed in, and vice versa), stroll along 9th Street and Avenues A and B. In contrast to the dog run, these roads have a funkier vibe. Notable cafés include **Itzocan** (438 East 9th St.), and **Rue B** and **DT–UT** on Avenue B (Nos. 188 & 41, respectively).

Chelsea Flea Market & Union Square Markets *deals for steals*

3 D1

Outdoor Market open 8–5 Sat & Sun • Union Square Green Market open 8–6 Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat • Holiday Market open from day after Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve

Chelsea's weekend flea and antiques markets are prime for finding anything from belt buckles and old buttons to botanical drawings, maps, vintage clothing, axes, and lace. The **Outdoor Market** on the northwest corner of 24th Street and 6th Avenue is a mélange of curios and furniture. **Antiques Garage** and **Antiques Annex** are geared more towards antique treasures, but also harbor a fair share of junk. Both are worth a browse; there's a $1 admission to get into the Annex. A few blocks further south, **Union Square Green Market** showcases farmers' stalls offering fruit, vegetables, fish, meat, and baked goods. During winter, the **Holiday Market** takes over – a mine of handmade jewelry, T-shirts, candles, massage oil, paintings, and hats.



Subway Passages: Grand Central to Times Square *underground music* 6 F2

Grand Central Station and Times Square are connected by an underground Shuttle train, and the subway passages at either end of the short route are abuzz with New York energy, as bustling workers swarm through the passageways on their way to and from work. In these tunnels you'll also find excellent musicians, their performances good enough to make even the most determined commuter slow down to catch a few bars. While you may come across the occasional "rogue" performer – who'll set up and play wherever there's space – most are part of the MTA's Music Under New York program. The scheme promotes a variety of music, including jazz, Cajun, African, classical, Asian, and bluegrass. A stringent audition process held each year ensures that a high standard is maintained. Look for the authorized performers, who display an orange and black "Music Under New York" banner.

125th Street *gateway to Harlem* 11 D3

One of the main roads in Harlem, 125th Street came to prominence during the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s, when it became synonymous with dancing and jazz clubs. Since then the street has been the main commercial center for Harlem's predominantly black community and, over time, has provided the backdrop to civil rights activism and a creative flourishing of music, painting, literature, and drama.

Having gone through a prolonged period of economic depression and attendant crime problems, 125th street is back to being a vibrant thoroughfare again, with a mix of gentrified boutiques, mainstream chains, and street vendors. Some would argue that the soul of Harlem has moved to smaller side streets, but 125th remains the hub. For tours of Harlem, check out **Harlem Spirituals**, **Radical Walking Tours**, or **Big Apple Jazz Tours** *(see p226)*. See if you can catch a gospel service at the Lenox Lounge *(see p129)* or some Southern-style cooking at **Amy Ruth's** *(see p217)*.

For information about Harlem's famous Apollo Theater, see p128

Brooklyn Heights Promenade *sublime views of Manhattan*

13 A4

This is one of the best vantage points for a panorama of Manhattan. It's also a great place to enjoy a stroll – alone, hand in hand with a lover, or lead in hand with your dog. Grab an espresso at **Connecticut Muffin** at 115 Montague (the main commercial street) and head towards the water to get onto the walkway.

A favorite spot for both locals and visitors, the promenade offers a mix of calm (despite the fact that it overlooks the Brooklyn to Queens expressway), and excitement – a thrill instilled by the awesome view of Manhattan that confronts you every time you look across the water.

The strip isn't very long, but you can combine the stroll with a perusal of Brooklyn Heights and its beautifully maintained brownstones. Back on Montague Street, there are several decent places to eat, such as **Teresa's** restaurant (No. 80), which offers tasty and authentic Polish fare alongside grilled cheese and hamburgers. Retail stores include **Heights Books** (No. 109), which specializes in second-hand publications.

Alternatively, you can take a different route from the promenade and walk along Columbia Heights to the Fulton Ferry landing, where you can buy an ice cream at the **Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory** before catching a water taxi over to Manhattan. To extend your walk further, cross via the Brooklyn Bridge.

Red Hook Food Stalls *spice & soccer*

13 B5

Corner of Bay and Clinton streets

Sat & Sun (end of Apr to first weekend in Oct)

Weekends in Red Hook's playing fields are dedicated to soccer, socializing, soaking up rays, and working one's way through as much delicious, home-cooked Latin American food as possible. Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, and Colombia are all well represented. Try out your Spanish, and be willing to experiment.

Bedford Avenue *Williamsburg's heart* 13 C2

Williamsburg is a compact area in north Brooklyn, packed with the accessories of bourgeois bohemia – funky cafés, hip bars, renovated lofts, fashion boutiques, and a few more trendy cafés. And Bedford Avenue is at its pulsating heart. This is an area that has changed dramatically in the last ten years, and some bemoan the arrival of Brooklyn's hip young things, who have pitched camp, placed their laptops on the counters of every café and bar in sight, and by their very presence have raised the rents. However, others are grateful for the attention the neighborhood is receiving and are happy to see some of the disused factories converted into apartments, stores, and clubs.

It is true that some of the grit may have been replaced by something funkier, lighter, and more affluent, but it is possible to find an earthy feel to the neighborhood once you look beyond the iPods and messenger bags (which you can pick up for a snip at **Brooklyn Industries**, No. 162). This is an eclectic locale, incorporating a Hasidic community in South Williamsburg, a profusion of artists, and a Polish contingent that has spilled over from Greenpoint. The Polish influence can be seen and tasted in places such as **Cukiernia** (a Polish bakery at No. 223) and **S & B Polish Restaurant** (No. 194).

The Bedford Avenue strip is most lively between North 6th and 10th streets. For a cool coffee stop, try **Verb Café** (No. 218), and watch the locals sitting at rickety wooden tables, indulging in java, listening to off-beat music, and playing checkers. The Verb is connected to a mini-mall that houses a variety of establishments, including an Internet café, the famed **Bedford Cheese Shop**, a vintage clothing store, and the bookstore **Spoonbill and Sugartown** *(see p88)*. Try **Bliss Café** (No. 191) for veggie delights, or a slice of delicious pizza at **Anna Maria's** (No. 179). Noteworthy stops are **Metaphors** (No. 195) for women's clothing and **Spacial** *(see p89)* for interior design. Check out the **Brooklyn Lager Brewery** (79 North 11th Street), and take a free tour on Saturday (1–4pm) or indulge in Friday Night's Happy Hour (6–11pm).

For the art scene in Williamsburg, see p108

Brighton Beach Boardwalk *sea, sand, and snacks*

B, Q to Brighton Beach; F, D, Q to Coney Island/Stillwell Ave.

The Russian enclave of Brighton Beach at the southern tip of Brooklyn, also known as "Little Odessa," has much to offer for a day trip from Manhattan. The Brighton Beach Boardwalk is alive with Slavic languages, chess games, the smell of the ocean, and a whiff of borscht wafting from one of the boardwalk cafés. For the area's best food and prices, however, go off the boardwalk and eat "inland" at **Café Glechik** (3159 Coney Island Avenue) or **Café Arbat** (306 Brighton Beach Avenue). Try the *vareniki* (similar to *pierogi* or ravioli) and drink a wholesome fruit compote. If you want to pick up snacks to take back to the waterfront, **M & I International Food Market** (249 Brighton Beach Avenue) has an impressive selection of Eastern European delicacies.

The boardwalk provides a vantage point for a lovely beach and water view. If you walk all the way along it, you'll reach Coney Island, where you can't miss the **New York Aquarium** (www.nyaquarium.com) and **Astroland** (www.astroland.com). This amusement park has the famed and rickety-looking Cyclone roller-coaster, which now has National Landmark status.

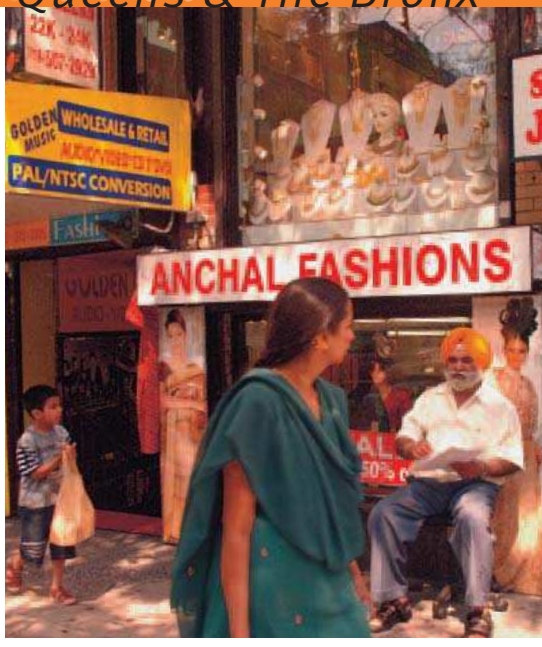
For the full Brighton Beach/Coney Island experience, have a **Nathan's Hotdog** from the original outpost on the corner of Surf and Stillwell. This is where the July 4th Hotdog Eating Championships take place. If you visit in mid- to late June, check www.coneyisland.com to find out when New York's aquatic version of Mardi Gras, the Mermaid Parade, struts down Surf Avenue.

Roosevelt Avenue *vibrancy and spice*

Roosevelt Avenue subway station is served by the 7, E, F, V, G and R trains

Roosevelt Avenue is one of the main thoroughfares through the Queens neighborhood of Jackson Heights, and is a veritable smorgasbord of cultures and food, including Colombian, Chinese, Indian, Pakistani, Korean, and Mexican. As soon as you leave the subway station, your olfactory sense starts working overtime to decipher the wafts of exotic ingredients that are being mixed in various kitchens. The area may lack aesthetic appeal, but it compensates in variety and vitality.

Along the adjacent 74th Street, you'll find stores full of phonecards, toys, food, and confections. For a meal try **Jackson Diner** (No. 37), or visit **Patel Brothers Market** (Nos. 27–37) to see myriad fresh and dried Asian spices and vegetables. Also on 74th Street, you'll find dazzlingly intricate jewelry as well as colorful saris and beautiful silk cloth in **Sahil Sari Palace** (Nos. 37–55).



Arthur Avenue *a mini Little Italy*

4 or D subway train to Fordham Rd then No. 12 bus east; 2 or 5 subway train to Pelham Parkway then No. 12 bus west

www.arthuravenuebronx.com

Another testament to the New York patchwork of ethnic communities, Arthur Avenue, in the north Bronx, is suffused with southern Italian traditions. The strip offering the best in Italian produce is between 187th Street and Crescent Avenue. Here you can find some of the freshest and tastiest Italian food on this side of the Atlantic. The **Egidio Pastry Shop** (622 East 187th Street) sells scrumptious chocolate cakes and excellent *cannoli* (deep-fried tubes of pastry with a sweetened ricotta filling), along with superb espresso. You can buy the best home-made pasta and ravioli (rolled out and cut right in front of you) from **Borgatti's** (632 East 187th Street). Shops and stalls tease the senses with an array of salamis, parmigianos, pastas, and seafood. Italian is spoken widely on the street and there's a relaxed, family-oriented vibe. *Mangia!*

Combine a visit to Arthur Avenue with a trip to the Botanical Gardens or Wave Hill (see p175)

havens

In New York, there's no need to leave the city limits in order to find a piece of nirvana. Along with parks and gardens, there are yoga centers, spas, churches, and tea rooms to retreat to. Vantage points at the tops of the city's towers provide inspirational views. And out at its farthest reaches – whether at Wave Hill in the Bronx or in the marshlands of Jamaica Bay – you may well discover an unexpected "wild" side to New York.

The River Project *waterside pleasures*

1 B1

Pier 26, off West Street (at N. Moore St.) • 212 233 3030
www.riverproject.org Open 11–5 daily

Just a few steps from Tribeca, this "estuarium" and research center is a perfect place to come for a deep breath or to confess to the marine gods for having just eaten sushi at neighboring Nobu *(see p38)*. Watch the boats and learn a bit about the local marine life from informative displays and the friendly volunteer staff.

Bliss SoHo *top-notch spa*

3 D4

568 Broadway, 2nd Floor (at Prince St.) • 212 219 8970
www.blissworld.com Open 9:30–8:30 Mon–Fri (12:30–8:30 alternate Weds); 9:30–6:30 Sat

Forget about the outside world for a couple of hours, slip on a soft robe and slippers, and indulge in home-made brownies, apples, and fresh juices while you wait for your chosen treatment. Bliss has three locations in New York, but the SoHo spot – the Bliss flagship – is the one to seek out. Both men and women are pampered here, in a space reminiscent of a ship's interior. Treatments cater for the whole body, from head to toes, but the Bliss forte is facials. The trademarked Triple Oxygen Treatment and Fully Loaded facials are extremely popular with beauty-conscious New Yorkers. Alternatively, book a basic facial and add on treatments from an amazing à-la-carte menu, which offers masks, lip plumping, and capillary zapping. The changing rooms have saunas, steam rooms, and showers for further relaxation.

Angel Feet *divine foot relief*

3 B3

77 Perry Street (between Bleecker & W. 4th Sts) • 212 924 3576
www.angelfeet.com Open 10–9 Mon–Fri, 10–8 Sat & Sun

As the name of this jewel-box sized basement room suggests, a reflexology session here is truly heavenly. The treatment rids feet of soreness and is given while you sit in one of two plush chairs that take up most of the intimate space. Relaxing music, candles, and a fragrant water mist for the feet add to the experience.

Jivamukti Yoga Center *for body and spirit*

4 E3

404 Lafayette Street, 3rd Floor (between Astor Pl. & E. 4th St.)
• 212 353 0214
www.jivamuktiyoga.com Open 11:30–8 Mon–Fri, 9–6:30 Sat & Sun

Calm your senses and align your posture with one of a vast selection of hatha yoga classes, offered throughout the day. Jivamukti, with two Manhattan locations, has made yoga accessible to New York's masses. You can simply drop in for a class or join an open meditation session, but it's generally worth calling ahead to check that space is available.

Throughout the building, the aroma of fragrant oils, mellow music, mood lighting, and a soothing waterfall help the process of relaxation. Massage treatments, workshops, lectures, and yoga demos are held regularly. Take note: the etiquette at the center dictates that shoes are to be taken off before you enter the clean, loft-like studio areas and changing rooms.

Wild Lily Tea Room *zen relaxation*

5 B5

511a West 22nd Street (between 10th & 11th Aves)
• 212 691 2258
www.wildlilytearoom.com Open 11–10 Tue–Sun

Take time out from shopping, gallery hopping, and sightseeing at a place that takes tea very seriously. There's no need to be stressed out by the range of teas available; if you'd like to venture away from a regular teabag, staff will guide you through a wide selection of loose black tea blends, and jasmine, ginseng, green, barley, and berry teas.

With a maximum capacity of 32 people, Wild Lily isn't big, but the high ceilings and tiny goldfish pond in the front create a fresh, airy, and Zen-like ambience. As you sip, enjoy the simplicity of the Japanese decor, and the neat bento boxes, trays, and tea sets. The food is fresh, inventive, and tasty; there's traditional British fare, such as scones with clotted cream, as well as intriguing concoctions, such as pea and yogurt soup, and green-tea cake. Sake is also available.

For a selection of other fine tea rooms, see p31

The Spa at the Mandarin Oriental *luxurious respite*

7 C4

80 Columbus Circle (at 60th St.), 35th Floor • 212 805 8880
www.mandarinoriental.com Open 9–9 Mon–Sun

It's not cheap, but this spa is worth the expense! Splurge on wonderful body treatments, including exotically named massages such as Life Dance and Balinese Body. Herbal infusions are prepared daily by a chef (and are free), and almonds and dried fruits are offered in the Tea Lounge, which has stunning views of the Hudson River and the West Side of Manhattan. The decor is inspired by crisp Asian simplicity, elegance, and style: tiny candles line the carefully appointed hallway, and orchid buds decorate surface tops. Be sure to take advantage of the many amenities available as part of a visit to the spa, such as the Vitality Pool, the amethyst-crystal steam room (where eucalyptus oil is available to soften the skin), and the "rainforest experience" shower. Round it all off with some quality time in the Relaxing Room.

Top of the Tower @ Beekman Tower Hotel *26th-floor calm*

6 G1

3 Mitchell Place (at 49th St. & 1st Ave.) • 212 355 7300
www.topofthetower.citysearch.com Open 5–1 daily

A jewel of a space with wonderful views and a full cocktail menu. The calm atmosphere, unhurried service, and superb vantage point take you far away from the street-level clamor. Get a table by the window, from where the roof slopes vertiginously downward.

The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Roof Garden *art & leisure*

8 E1

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 5th Avenue (at 82nd St.)
www.metmuseum.org • 212 535 7710
Open May–late Fall: 10–4:30 Tue–Thu & Sun, 10–8:30 Fri & Sat

Gorgeous views, sculpture in the foreground, and wine or cappuccino to lift your spirits. The joys of an elevated outdoor space are combined with art from the Met's collection and the whole of Central Park as a backdrop.

Conservatory Gardens at Central Park *floral sanctuary*

10 E2

Entrance on 5th Avenue and 105th Street • 212 360 2766
www.centralparknyc.org Open 8am–dusk daily

Wildflowers, pruned rare roses, trimmed hedges, trees, and a thousand other floral delights are carefully arranged within these six acres, the most studiously tended area in Central Park. It's no wonder that New York brides scramble for permits for wedding ceremonies within these garden walls, or that school teachers are keen to bring classes for story-time sessions.

The central fountain is glorious in spring, when the wisteria that surrounds it bursts with purple, violet, pink, and white blossoms. Two more fountains are set closer to Fifth Avenue, one encircled by concentric rings of flowers. The fragrance, peace, and quiet of this garden is perfect for sitting on a bench, writing postcards, and taking time to reflect. There are free tours (rain or shine) on Saturdays from April to October; meet at Vanderbilt Gate on Fifth and 105th Street at 11am.

The Ramble at Central Park *green mazes*

7 D2

Enter via 5th Avenue or Central Park W. (between 72nd & 80th Sts)
www.centralparknyc.org

The Ramble is the perfect place to get lost in a web of winding paths which cross 36 acres of wonderfully dense wooded areas, encompassing ponds, small bridges, and rocky outcrops. The wilderness factor in this pocket of Central Park is so great that the National Audubon Society has ranked the Ramble as one of the top 15 bird-watching sites in the whole of the U.S., putting it among National Parks such as Yosemite and geographical regions like the Everglades. If you visit early in the morning, you'll see die-hard birders at their regular spots, sporting binoculars and sipping cups of coffee or hot chocolate. The rest of the day brings a more diverse crowd, most of them with a more leisurely interest in a lunchtime stroll or a rendezvous. Note that the Central Park website refers to The Ramble within the Great Lawn section of the park.

The Ramble is a great place for a wander after visiting the Met (see p103)

The Rotunda at The Pierre *traditional tea*

8 E4

The Pierre Hotel, 2 East 61st Street • 212 838 8000
Afternoon tea served 3–5:30pm daily

This is New York's best spot for afternoon tea. The atmosphere is gracious and welcoming, with a high, domed ceiling above, and linen and fresh flowers at your table. Choose a three- or five-course tea, depending on your appetite for sandwiches and cakes.

The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine *glorious peace*

9 B1

1047 Amsterdam Avenue at 112th Street • 212 316 7540
www.stjohndivine.org Open 7–6 Mon–Sat, 1–7 Sun

Begun in 1892 but still unfinished, St. John's will be one of the largest cathedrals in the world when completed. However, its size and huge vaulted ceilings do not intimidate; rather, the church envelops you, and encourages a sense of well-being. Smaller chapels are reserved for prayer during the day, and services are held in the nave on Sunday at 11am and 6pm, with the Cathedral Choir in full voice. The organ, however, was damaged in a fire in 2001, and is awaiting repair once sufficient funds are raised.

Stained glass, intricately carved altars, and fine stonework is found throughout the cathedral, alongside modern interpretations of religious icons. These include a three-paneled, white and gold-leaf altarpiece by the late graphic designer and artist Keith Haring. As you walk down the central aisle, look up at the stunning Great Rose Window, an extraordinary creation made from over 10,000 pieces of stained glass in patterns dominated by hues of vibrant royal blue and calming indigo.

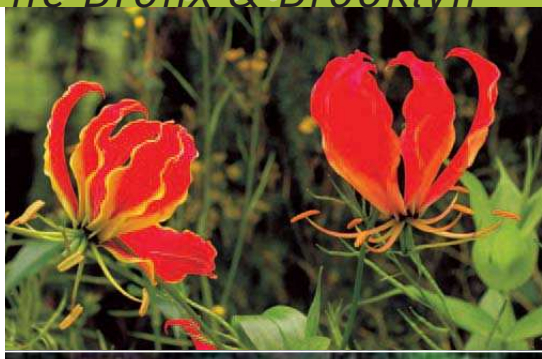
Next to the cathedral is a **Children's Sculpture Garden**, which exhibits a selection of bronze animal sculptures created by school children aged between 5 and 18. After your visit, head to the **Hungarian Pastry Shop** across the street on Amsterdam Avenue (1030). There you can have a snack, and mingle with the erudite Columbia University set.

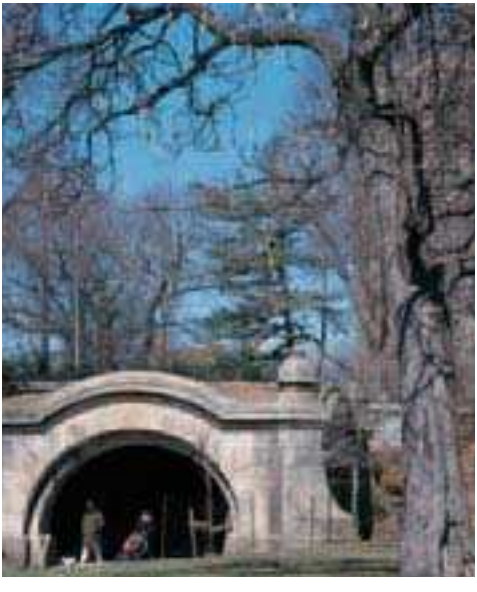
Wave Hill *escape to an estate*

675 West 252nd Street • 718 549 3200 • Riverdale
www.wavehill.org Open Spring & Summer: 9–5:30 Tue–Sun (to 9 Wed); Fall & Winter: 9–4:30 Tue–Sun

It's hard to believe that you're still within NYC limits (the Bronx no less) when you visit the well-situated and beautifully laid out garden and cultural center of Wave Hill. Part of Wave Hill's mission is to connect people with nature; to this end it presents impressive horticultural and art exhibits, and offers an array of environmental workshops, and musical and literary performances. Regular events include storytelling, poetry readings, and chamber music and jazz concerts. T'ai chi is taught in the grounds too.

The café at Wave Hill House is a great spot, partly for the sustenance it offers, but mostly for the exceptional views. For another great view, walk along one of the paths through the white-columned pergola covered in flowering plants, and look downriver to the suspension cables of the George Washington Bridge.





Prospect Park *the lungs of Brooklyn*

13 D5

Wollman Rink: 718 287 6215; Prospect Park Zoo: 718 399 7339; Kensington Stables: 718 972 4588
www.prospectpark.org

Designed by the dynamic duo of landscape design Olmstead and Vaux (the planners of Central Park), Prospect Park is a lesser-known but equally enjoyable green playground for New Yorkers – Brooklynites in particular. It's a place to cycle, run, stroll, picnic, bird-watch, and skate, and every season has something to offer. Winter is the time for ice-skating at the Wollman Rink; summer brings colorful local festivals and concerts at the Bandshell. Prospect Park Zoo is a year-round family favorite, and other perennial attractions include horse-back riding on a track by Kensington Stables, and birding at the beautiful Audubon Center (www.prospectparkaudubon.org). Locals often use the park drive, also known as the loop, for bike riding, roller-blading, and running. Check the website for a list of seasonal events.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden *paradise*

13 D4

1000 Washington Avenue • 718 623 7200

www.bbg.org Open 8–6 Tue–Fri, 10–6 Sat & Sun & hols; closes at 4:30 Oct–Mar

Your olfactory and visual senses will be sharpened in the wonderfully maintained BBG. A visit here may be rewarded by bluebells in late spring or the scent of roses in summer, while May's Cherry Blossom Festival will transport you to the orchards of Asia *(see p10)*.

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge *an antidote to city life*

Crossbay Boulevard, Broad Channel • 718 318 4340

A train to Broad Channel Open sunrise to sunset daily

This wild habitat in the huge bay south of JFK airport is where New Yorkers go to escape the intensity of the city and delight instead in tranquillity, bird-watching, and walking. The train takes an hour from Manhattan, allowing you to adjust to a different pace and prepare for another world. The journey is interesting as well: before the train reaches Broad Channel stop, it travels along a stretch of track surrounded by marsh and water on either side, which heightens a sense of remoteness.

Walking to the refuge from the stop is straightforward. Go along Noel Road until you reach Crossbay Boulevard and turn right; the refuge entrance will be on your left after 10–15 minutes. On the way, you'll pass waterfront houses on stilts and wooden platforms.

The visitor center has a small but informative interpretive area explaining the history and features of the refuge, including the abundant wildflowers. Jamaica Bay is a regular rest stop for migrating birds, and teems with airborne life as thousands of shore, land, and water birds flock to its wetlands; over 320 species have been spotted. Benches along the main path allow you to sit, observe, and listen to bird songs. Particularly captivating, though, is the contrast of freshwater ponds, marshes, and wildlife set against the distant skyline of Manhattan.

Noguchi Sculpture Museum *intimacy, solitude, design*

32–7 Vernon Boulevard, Long Island City (entrance on 33rd Rd.) • 718 204 7088 • N & W trains to Broadway

www.noguchi.org Open all year 10–5 Wed–Fri, 11–6 Sat & Sun

Several million dollars-worth of renovation work has ensured that this museum (which reopened in 2004 after a two-and-a-half-year closure) will continue to inspire. It has an intimacy that's not often found in art spaces; the renovations have not contributed to a "blockbuster experience" in the manner of the downtown museum revamps, but rather have attempted to refine the concrete and wood space.

This Museum is a tribute to the Japanese-American sculptor, landscaper, and set designer Isamu Noguchi, who established a studio in this Queens neighborhood in 1961. Noguchi created beautiful pieces made of materials such as wood, marble, basalt, and metal, and his sculptures are in a multitude of shapes and textures. The museum is designed to eliminate distractions while you contemplate the work, allowing the art of Noguchi to be the sole focus of attention. The space – its aesthetic a refined, pared-back Modernism – contains several galleries; some are exposed to the elements, others are fully enclosed. There is also a garden, with a majestic, fully grown *Katsura* tree and a subtle fountain sculpture. At its center is what appears to be a bottomless pool.

The park is a place to reflect, to relax, and to appreciate art without having to fight a crowd or have museum attendants hovering over your shoulder. There's an on-site café for light snacks, and a store that stocks a wide range of design books and Noguchi's trademark rice-paper lamps.

While in the area, it's also worth dropping by the **Socrates Sculpture Park** a little further north on Vernon Boulevard (www.socratessculpturepark.org). On the bank of the East River, the park exhibits temporary installations of sculpture by international contemporary artists.

hotels

The independent hotel scene is stronger in New York than in any other major city. More than half the hotels are not affiliated to a national or international chain, which means that they are particularly good at providing individuality, character, and style. Rooms don't come cheap, but there are deals to be had with a little planning. Check hotel and reservation agency websites to get the best deals.

ROMANTIC HIDEAWAYS

Soho House New York
29–35 9th Avenue
Enjoy the rooftop pool, soak in a generously sized tub, or romp around your private "playroom" – perfect for romantic trysts. ***(See p184)***

St. Regis
2 East 55th Street
Plush and luxurious, St. Regis is a place to pamper and be pampered. Excellent bathrooms and great service. ***(See p186)***

Bed & Breakfast on the Park
113 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn
This small hotel is just steps away from lovely Prospect Park. Its top-floor room has prime views and a four-poster bed. ***(See p191)***

GASTRONOMIC

» www.in-newyorkmag.com lists hotel restaurants in the city.

Hotel Wales
1295 Madison Avenue
The place to stay for a delicious and hearty breakfast, including fresh scones and fluffy omelets, at Sarabeth's Kitchen. ***(See p191)***

The Mark
25 East 77th Street
With an extensive wine list and fine French-American cuisine, The Mark's restaurant offers a refined dining experience. ***(See p189)***

Mercer Hotel
147 Mercer Street
If you can tear yourself away from the hotel's elegant rooms and deep tubs, the Mercer Kitchen is a fashionable haunt for fine dining. ***(See p182)***

LIVE LIKE A LOCAL

Bevy's SoHo Loft
70 Mercer Street
With Bevy and fellow guests for company, a stay here is like sharing a spacious apartment right in the middle of SoHo. ***(See p182)***

Harlem Flophouse
242 West 123rd Street
The fun, jazzy vibe of the Flophouse will instantly make you feel part of New York. Interior details evoke early 20th-century Harlem. ***(See p190)***

1871 House
East 62nd Street
Many suites or studios here come with a kitchenette and fireplace, so you can pretend you've got your own pied-à-terre. ***(See p188)***

Union Street B&B
405 Union Street, Brooklyn
A warm ambience and well-stocked bookshelves (and even a welcome for pet dogs) make this B&B feel like a family home. ***(See p191)***

» www.affordablenewyorkcity.com lists B&Bs and fully furnished apartments. These offer good value for stays of over a week and even better value if you are in town for a month or more.

BEST OF THE BARGAINS

Washington Square Hotel
103 Waverly Place
Super budget prices for clean, if flowery, rooms in a desirable Village location. Breakfast is also included in the price. ***(See p183)***

Chelsea Inn
46 West 17th Street
The Chelsea Inn has low rates and kitchenettes in the rooms. It is set in a great location two blocks from Union Square. ***(See p185)***

Chelsea Lodge
318 West 20th Street
A spotless lodge, with wooden floors, TVs, and shower stalls in every room. Toilets are shared, hence the bargain rates. ***(See p185)***

STYLE STATEMENTS

Hotel prices will usually be quoted without tax. Be sure to check the figure once City and State taxes are added.

Hudson
356 West 58th Street
The spectacular courtyard, roof terrace and other lounging spaces here were created by Philippe Starck and the hotelier Ian Schrager. ***(See p187)***

60 Thompson
60 Thompson Street
Comfort and style are the themes throughout. How many hotels have chairs specially designed and named for them? ***(See p182)***

Morgans
237 Madison Avenue
The original "lifestyle hotel," with design touches that create a magical, understated aesthetic throughout. ***(See p187)***

GREAT LOCATION

The hippest areas are the easy-going downtown neighbourhoods, such as SoHo and the Village, but the largest concentration of hotels is midtown, close to the theaters and department stores.

Four Seasons
57 East 57th Street
Ideal for shopping sorties on Madison Avenue – afterwards you can drop your bags and put up your feet in the luxurious spa. ***(See p188)***

Abingdon Guest House
13 8th Avenue
Feel the pulse of the West Village right outside the door of these stately townhouses. Each room is individually decorated. ***(See p183)***

W New York, Union Square
201 Park Avenue South
Just off Union Square, you'll be within easy walking distance of such funky neighborhoods as West Village, Chelsea, and Gramercy. ***(See p185)***

Bevy's SoHo Loft *three great rooms*

3 D5

70 Mercer Street (between Spring & Broome Sts)
• 212 431 8214
www.sohobevy.com

Bevy – known to many as the "SoHo Mom" – is a real character, who relishes lively conversation with her guests. A funky, renovated industrial space filled with paintings and colorful fabrics, there are just three rooms, but they're spacious. Great location. **Cheap**

SoHo Grand Hotel *pet-friendly place*

3 D5

310 West Broadway (between Grand & Canal Sts)
• 800 965 3000
www.sohogrand.com

Pets are made welcome here – indeed, if you haven't brought your own, you'll be offered a fish as a room mate. A selection of CDs is also provided, and you can buy them, too. As for the 367 rooms: some are small, but all the beds are big and comfy. **Moderate**

Mercer Hotel *minimalist finesse*

3 D4

147 Mercer Street (at Prince St.) • 212 966 6060
www.mercerhotel.com

In a solid 1890 building near the Village, the Mercer focuses on style and service. The 62 rooms are light and minimally furnished, and the bathrooms come with large soaking tubs and Swedish Face Stockholm cosmetics. The Mercer Kitchen restaurant is worth a visit, and is a fine spot for celebrity spotting. **Expensive**

60 Thompson *SoHo taste*

3 C5

60 Thompson Street (between Spring & Broome Sts)
• 877 431 0400
www.60thompson.com

There are 100 rooms and suites, all with music and DVD systems. The setting is modern, with a sleek interior design, plush bedding, and marble bathrooms. Check out the high-backed chairs, designed for the hotel by Thomas O'Brien of Aero Studios. **Expensive**

Tribeca Grand Hotel *hip & stylish*

3 C5

2 Avenue of the Americas (at Canal St.) • 800 965 3000
www.tribecagrand.com

Built in 2000, this hotel attracts a cool clientele. All rooms lead off from the Church Lounge, the hub of its atrium-style layout. The guest rooms match simple, modern design with top technology in the form of great sound systems and high-speed Internet access. The hotel offers the same deal on fish and CDs as its older sister, the Soho Grand *(see opposite)*. **Expensive**

Washington Square Hotel *location, location*

3 C3

103 Waverly Place (at Macdougal St.) • 800 222 0418
www.wshotel.com

This budget option is in a prime Village location, close to many attractions by foot or subway. The rooms are a little floral and frilly, but the lobby has a smart, Art Deco style. Complimentary continental breakfast makes this even better value for downtown. **Cheap**

Abingdon Guest House *Village comfort*

3 B2

13 8th Avenue (between W. 12th & Jane Sts) • 212 243 5384
www.abingdonguesthouse.com

Two landmark townhouses in West Village have been converted into a guest house with nine rooms. Each room has its own style, as suggested by the names – "Martinique," "Ambassador," and so on. Prices vary according to size and decor. Light breakfasts and lunches are served at its Brewbar café. **Cheap**

Old Establishments

With an enviable location at the foot of Central Park, the **Plaza Hotel** maintains its reputation for providing the ultimate in service and comfort. The **Carlyle** on Madison Avenue has been appreciated since the 1930s for its understated elegance, superb service, and striking Art Deco design. The hotel's Café Carlyle is popular with a well-heeled Upper East Side crowd. No stranger to scandal and creativity, the **Hotel Chelsea** has a thousand stories to tell. Each room and apartment is different, and much of the building is occupied by long-stay residents. A great slice of bohemia, the Chelsea has welcomed many writers and musicians, from Mark Twain and Tennessee Williams to Bob Dylan and Sid Vicious. For individual hotel details, *see p229*.

Soho House New York *chic hotel in the Meatpacking District*

3 A2

29–35 9th Avenue (at W. 13th St.) • 212 627 9800
» www.sohohouse.com

Blink and you'll miss the entrance to Soho House – a level of discretion you'd expect of a hotel that doubles as a private members' club. Staying at the hotel gives you access to the club facilities, which include a fitness room, a private screening room, a restaurant and bar, a drawing room and library, a games room with pool table and pinball, and an elegantly comfortable club room. The Cowshed Spa offers a variety of healthy treatments and a soothing environment. The "Cowshed" products are produced by hand in the UK, home of the original, London Soho House. The prime facility, however, is the rooftop pool. Although not a place for serious laps, the pool is great for a quick dip, and the deck around it has chaise longues, umbrellas, tables, chairs, and a full bar with light snacks. The roof area is open year round, with a heated marquee in winter.

The 24 comfortable guest rooms are classified according to size, and are labeled (in ascending order) playpen, playroom, playhouse, and playground. Mini-bars are stocked with all sorts of temptations, including Ben & Jerry's ice cream in the freezer, and chilled Martini glasses. The decor is an eclectic mix, with touches of luxury such as freestanding, egg-shaped bathtubs. The rooms remain functional, however, with state-of-the-art gadgets such as surround-sound entertainment systems and wireless Internet access throughout the whole building. **Expensive**

Maritime Hotel *nautical swank* 3 A1

363 West 16th Street (at 9th Ave.) • 212 242 4300
www.themaritimehotel.com

The rooms here have a maritime theme, complete with porthole windows and an appealing blue-and-white color scheme for the bedding. Rates are reasonable, and the location is great for Chelsea and the Meatpacking District. There's 24-hour room service, a roof terrace, and a sushi bar. **Moderate**

Chelsea Lodge *fresh, clean & friendly* 3 B1

318 West 20th Street (between 8th & 9th Aves) • 800 373 1116
www.chelsealodge.com

Toilets are shared at this low-priced lodge, but each of the 22 refurbished rooms has wooden floors and high ceilings, and is well appointed, with a shower stall, sink, TV, and double bed. You also have the option to pay extra for a suite with more amenities. The place is bright and on a quiet side street. **Cheap**

Chelsea Inn *affordable charm* 3 C1

46 West 17th Street (between 5th & 6th Aves) • 800 640 6469
www.chelseainn.com

Ask for a quiet room at the back of this renovated 19th-century townhouse in a great downtown location. The budget-priced rooms all have kitchenettes and TVs, and the shared bathrooms are decorated with charming, colorful painted murals. Continental breakfast is included in the price. **Cheap**

W New York, Union Square *stylish* 3 D1

201 Park Avenue South (at E. 17th St.) • 212 253 9119
www.whotels.com

The signature style of the "W" hotel chain involves subdued lighting and touches of purple in the otherwise minimalist white decor. Rooms are sleek, with comfy feather beds, and the service is impeccable. The dramatic lobby has a soaring staircase and areas of sand, grass, and marble. **Moderate**

The price categories used are based on a hotel's rack rate, but discount deals are frequently available

Bryant Park Hotel *high-tech & colorful*

6 E2

40 West 40th Street (between 5th & 6th Aves) • 877 640 9300
www.bryantparkhotel.com

The plush red of the lobby desks and rug is the first thing you notice. Throughout the hotel, the simple lines of Scandinavian-inspired furniture are juxtaposed nicely with Tibetan rugs and cashmere throws. Rooms have super sound systems as well as Internet access, and the bathtubs are generously sized. **Moderate**

Royalton *theatrical style*

6 E2

44 West 44th Street (between 5th & 6th Aves) • 800 606 6090
www.royaltonhotel.com

In the heart of the Theater District, this Ian Schrager hotel *(see also Morgans, opposite)* has a stunning lobby that's almost like a runway. Sit on the chairs at the side and socialize, or slip into the Round Bar for cocktails and people-watching. For the best views, try to get a deal on a deluxe room or suite. **Moderate**

St. Regis *Beaux Arts beauty*

8 E5

2 East 55th Street (at 5th Ave.) • 800 625 5144
www.stregis.com

Built in 1904 by John Jacob Astor IV, this luxurious hotel is meant to be a home away from home. The rooms even have doorbells. Original details are mixed with modern amenities, including flat-screen TVs in the bathrooms and high-speed Internet access. The hallways are wonderfully airy and bright. **Expensive**

The Peninsula *discriminating modernity*

8 E5

700 5th Avenue (at 55th St.) • 800 262 9467
www.peninsula.com

The 1905 landmark building and deluxe, spacious rooms are as much a draw here as the ultra-modern facilities, which include Internet connections and "silent fax machines" in all the boldly colored rooms. Remote controls in the bathrooms can be used to operate speaker phones, TVs, or radios. **Expensive**

Morgans *understated sophistication* 6 E3

237 Madison Avenue (at E. 37th St.) • 800 606 6090
www.ianschragerhotels.com

The concept of the "boutique hotel" originated at Morgans. Defined not by size (as with the grand hotels of the past) but by a unique sense of style and coolness, the hotel was an instant hit with fashion-conscious travelers. Morgans, designed in the late 1980s, recreates the ambience of an apartment house. The lobby is functional, with a small side office for the helpful and knowledgeable concierge. Decorative themes include the black-and-white checkerboard motif, reminiscent of old New York cabs, seen subtly in the elevator, in the pattern of the hallway carpets, and in the sleek stainless steel and glass bathrooms (which are also adorned with fresh flowers).

Renowned designer Andrée Putman planned the interiors, mixing materials such as raw silk, corduroy, maplewood, and formica. All rooms have gray, white, and beige color schemes, and feature banquettes and original Robert Mapplethorpe photographs – which have had to be bolted to the wall. Communal spaces include the "living room," with free computer access, and a welcoming area conducive to playing scrabble, reading, or writing.

The famed restaurant Asia de Cuba is where breakfast is served (included in the price), and Morgans Bar has a lively night scene and superb cocktails. Owner Ian Schrager has replicated his hotel philosophy with other New York establishments, including the Hudson *(below)* and the Royalton *(opposite)*. **Expensive**

Hudson *cosmopolitan, affordable & urbane* 7 C4

356 West 58th Street (between 8th & 9th Aves) • 800 606 6090
www.hudsonhotel.com

One thousand rooms are priced at various scales so that the surfer dude can mix with the film producer in the swanky Hudson Bar. Note that the rooms tend to be very small – the concept at this Ian Schrager hotel is that you'll spend most of your time in the beautiful and funky communal spaces. **Moderate**

Four Seasons *contemporary panache*

8 E5

57 East 57th Street (between Park & Madison Aves)
• 212 758 5700
www.fourseasons.com

There's nothing understated about the Four Seasons – just look at the immense lobby with its cathedral-like ceiling, marble floors, and floral arrangements as large as refrigerators. The hotel was built with the savvy customer in mind; even the most modest rooms have generous dimensions – 500 sq ft (47 sq m) rivals the floorspace of many New York studio apartments. Rooms on the top floors offer great city views, including the sweep of Central Park. The windows open to let in fresh air, and curtains can be opened from the bed with a switch. All bathrooms have Bulgari products, a glass-enclosed shower, and a deep, fast-filling tub. Other gadgets include a flat screen TV in the bathroom, and a top-quality CD player/radio. The on-site spa and fitness center offers a "sensory escape," perfect for jetlag. **Expensive**

1871 House *country-style feel*

8 F4

130 East 62nd Street (between Park & Lexington Aves)
• 212 756 8823
www.1871house.com

This beautifully renovated brownstone building is close to Central Park and an upscale shopping zone, but the quiet, leafy street makes you forget you're in the heart of the city. There's no common area for guests, but the spacious, high-ceilinged rooms, suites, and studios are ideal for lounging, and most have working fireplaces – quite a treat for a New York property. The keepers even provide duraflame logs to burn.

So long as you don't require 24-hour room service, these cozy, relaxing accommodations are a good option. The whole place is furnished with antiques and the decor is warm and homey. If you are traveling in a group of four or more, reserve the Great Room and Cottage combination; both have access to a lovely garden. Some rooms have kitchenettes. A four-night minimum is usually expected. **Moderate**

The Lowell *intimate retreat*

8 F4

28 East 63rd Street (between Madison & Park Aves)
• 212 838 1400
www.lowellhotel.com

With 21 rooms and 47 suites, The Lowell focuses more on comfort than numbers. High-profile guests stay here to escape the paparazzi. The suites offer options such as wood-burning fireplaces, terraces, and kitchenettes. There's an airy fitness room, too. **Expensive**

Melrose *highly accommodating hotel*

8 F4

140 East 63rd Street (at Lexington Ave.) • 212 838 5700
www.melrosehotelnewyork.com

Formerly the Barbizon Hotel, the Melrose has been renovated to accommodate every need of luxury-loving travelers, whether it's plush bedding, Internet access, modern gadgetry, or a well-equipped gym. It's also well situated, only three blocks from Central Park and up the street from Bloomingdales. **Moderate**

The Pierre *New York landmark*

8 E4

5th Avenue (at 61st St.) • 212 838 8000
www.fourseasons.com

A top hotel since 1930, The Pierre is a bastion of old-fashioned gentility, and is the perfect place to return to after a shopping spree at neighboring Bergdorf's. Attentive staff perform to a backdrop of chandeliers and Art Deco details. The **Rotunda** *(see p174)* is on hand for afternoon tea; Café Pierre offers full meals. **Expensive**

The Mark *Upper East Side elegance*

8 E1

25 East 77th Street (between Madison & 5th Aves)
• 212 744 4300
www.themarkhotel.com

An air of sophistication permeates the generously sized rooms of this hotel, part of the Mandarin group. Inspiration for the Neo-Classical interior is said to have come from the work of 19th-century English architect Sir John Soane. Service is professional. **Expensive**

Hotel Wales *classic & fresh*

10 E4

1295 Madison Avenue (at 92nd St.) • 866 925 3746
www.waleshotel.com

This Upper East Side boutique hotel has an intimate feel. Aveda products and fresh flowers feature in the comfortable rooms, and free coffee is available day and night. The roof deck is a great place from which to watch the buzzing city, and adjacent Sarabeth's Kitchen whips up fantastic omelets and soups. **Moderate**

Harlem Flophouse *jazz-related fun*

11 D4

242 West 123rd Street (between 7th & 8th Aves) • 212 662 0678
www.harlemflophouse.com

A small brass plaque is the only thing that sets the Flophouse apart from the other residences on this quiet, tree-lined brownstone block. The first thing you'll notice upon entering is the sound of jazz, drifting softly from the mantelpiece radio in the charming front room. It has been a B&B since 2000, and the owner has worked on various parts of the house to restore original details, including patterned tin ceilings, wooden moldings, and a downstairs dining room for parties.

A touch of faded glory and fresh renovation add to the appeal and charm of the four guest rooms. Each has a sink, but bathrooms are shared – a claw-foot tub in one is nicely set right under a sky light. All beds are firm, with good mattresses, and the rooms are named after notable people with either jazz or Harlem connections – often both. There are no TVs, but alarm clocks are provided. There's a smoking room in the basement and guests have access to the garden, for summer barbecues, relaxation, and reflection. Hearty and delicious breakfasts of eggs, grits, sausage, and yogurt are available at an extra charge.

The Flop House is conveniently located for subway trains and buses (the M60 can bring you right here from LaGuardia airport), and is close to the Apollo Theater *(see p128)*, Lenox Lounge *(see p129)*, and the Harlem Studio Museum *(see p107)*. The Flophouse also hosts occasional art exhibitions in the common area on the main floor. **Cheap**

Akwaaba Mansion *African tranquillity*

347 MacDonough Street ● Last car of A train to Utica Ave, then walk four blocks along Stuyvesant Ave • 718 455 5958
» www.akwaaba.com

This Italianate villa is tucked away on a tree-lined street in the historic Stuyvesant Heights area. African motifs and antiques create a unique style. Some rooms include a Jacuzzi. Spend a lazy afternoon in the secluded garden, or sipping lemonade on the sun porch. **Cheap**

Union St B&B *bohemian charm*

13 B4

405 Union Street (at Hoyt St.), Brooklyn
718 852 8406

Floral wallpaper, wooden floors, and music boxes in each of the six rooms create a charming, warm, and homey atmosphere. The continental-style breakfast includes good strong coffee. The owners provide a well-stocked bookshelf of books on the local history for your perusal. **Cheap**

Bed & Breakfast on the Park *Victorian time machine*

13 C5

113 Prospect Park West (between 6th & 7th Sts) • 718 499 6115
» www.bbnyc.com

The fixtures here have been lovingly restored to maintain an ambience of Victorian gentility. Reserve the Lady Liberty Room for a four-poster bed, great city views, and exclusive access to the roof garden. Breakfast includes home-made pastries. **Moderate**

Accommodations Agencies

Hotel rates can be rather mysterious: the officially quoted "rack rate" may say one thing, but certain packages, the time of year, and discounts found on the web can give a completely different price. If you get the timing right, you can slice a lot of money off your room price. At weekends in off-peak seasons, for example, hotels often offer rooms at discounted rates. Accommodations agencies with websites to try include: **www.simply-newyork.com**, **www.a1-discount-hotels.com**, and **www.hotels.com**.

Also, if you're interested in longer stays – a duration of seven days or more – and are thinking about subletting an apartment, try **www.sublet inthecity.com**, **www.citysublets.com**, and **www.newyorkhabitat.com**.

» *Thanksgiving and Christmas are busy periods – you'll need to make early reservations at these times*

SALE & RETAIL
NEW CROWN
FURNITURE

New York Street Finder

Almost every listing in this guide includes a (boxed) page and grid reference to the maps in this section. The few entries that fall outside the area covered by these maps give transport details instead. Maps 1 to 12 cover the whole of Manhattan, while Brooklyn is shown on Map 13. An index of the street names follows on *pp207–209*.

Key to Street Finder

- Sight/public building
- Subway station
- Railroad station
- Ferry terminal
- Bus terminal
- Heliport
- Aerial tramway
- Tourist information office
- Hospital with emergency room
- Police station
- Church
- Synagogue
- Post office
- Parking
- Railroad line
- Pedestrian street
- Expressway

Scale of maps 1–12

0 metres 500

0 yards 500

Scale of map 13

0 kilometres 1

0 miles 1

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LOWER MANH
Hudson River
Battery Park City
WEST STREET
HUDSON STREET
GREENWICH STREET
VARICK ST
WEST BROADWAY
CHURCH STREET
BROADWAY
PARK ROW
WESTSIDE HIGHWAY 9A (WEST ST)
STATE ST
LAFAYETTE
LISPENARD ST
WALKER STREET
WHITE STREET
BEACH STREET
ERICSSON PLACE
MOORE ST
HUBERT STREET
LAIGHT
VESTRY ST
FRANKLIN STREET
LEONARD STREET
WORTH STREET
THOMAS STREET
DUANE STREET
READE STREET
CHAMBERS STREET
WARREN STREET
MURRAY STREET
BARCLAY STREET
VESEY STREET
PARK PLACE
PARK
CHURCH
CORTLANDT ALLEY
FRANKLIN PLACE
LAIGHT STREET
COLISTER STREET
BEACH STREET
CATHERINE LANE
PACE PLACE
BECKMAN ST
ANN
NASSAU
JOHN
FULTON STREET
DEY ST
CORTLANDT ST
LIBERTY STREET
CEDAR STREET
PINE STREET
WALL
BROAD ST
EXCHANGE PLACE
EXCHANGE ALLEY
BROAD STREET
NEW STREET
WILLIAM STREET
BEAVER STREET
MANSFIELD STREET
STONE STREET
BROAD
WHITEHALL STREET
PEARL ST
MOORE ST
WATER
BROWN
BATTERY PLACE
CARLISLE STREET
RECTOR STREET
RECTOR PLACE
ALBANY STREET
ALBANY
GREENWICH STREET
TRINITY PLACE
SOUTH END AVENUE
WEST THAMES STREET
THIRD PLACE
SECOND PLACE
FIRST PLACE
MORRIS STREET
HUBERT STREET
BEACH STREET
DUANE PARK
CHAMBERS STREET
RIVER TERRACE
NORTH END AVENUE
MURRAY ST
PIER 29
PIER 28
PIER 27
PIER 26
PIER 25
PIER A
Canal Street-Broadway
Canal St-Lafayette St
Franklin Street
Independence Plaza
Manhattan Community College
Western Union Building
WASHINGTON MARKET PARK
DUANE PARK
Chambers St-Church St
Chambers Street-West Broadway
Surrogate's Court/ Hall of Records
Old NY County Courthouse
City Hall
CITY HALL PARK
Brooklyn Bridge-City Hall
Park Place
Irving Trust Operation Center
Woolworth Building
St Peter's Street
World Financial Center
WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER FERRY PIER
FERRIES TO JERSEY CITY AND HOBOKEN
NORTH COVE YACHT HARBOR
World Trade Center Reconstruction Site ("Ground Zero")
St Paul's Chapel
AT&T Building
Fulton Street
Merrill Lynch Liberty Plaza
Federal Reserve Bank
Chase Manhattan Bank
Chamber of Commerce
American Stock Exchange
Trinity Church
Wall St
Federal Hall
Wall Street
Rector Street-Greenwich Street
Rector St-Trinity Place
New York Stock Exchange
Bank of New York
Cunard Building
SOUTH COVE
Downtown Athletic Club
Bowling Green
Fraunces Tavern
US Custom House
SOUTH PARK
Battery Park City Heliport
Castle Clinton National Monument
BATTERY PARK
Battery Plaza
Whitehall Street
Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton
PETER MINUIT PLAZA
SOUTH FERRY PLAZA
The East Coast War Memorial
South Ferry
US Coast Guard
FERRIES TO LIBERTY AND ELLIS ISLANDS
Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel
MANHATTAN
NEW JERSEY
BROOKLYN
Hudson River
East River
Ellis Island
Governors Island
Liberty Island
Statue of Liberty
Upper Bay
Staten Island

CHINATOWN
ATTAN
BROOKLYN
East River
Canal Street-Centre Street
HARRY HOWARD SQUARE
CANAL STREET
BOWERY
Eldridge Street Synagogue
CANAL STREET
STRAUS SQUARE
East Broadway-Canal Street
JEFFERSON STREET
CLINTON STREET
MONTGOMERY ST
GOUVERNEUR SLIP WEST
GOUVERNEUR SLIP EAST
GOUVERNEUR VIADUCT
PIER 44
NYC Dept of Ports & Terminals
Criminal Courts Building
BAYARD STREET
BAXTER STREET
MULBERRY STREET
MOTT STREET
PELL STREET
DIVISION STREET
Confucius Plaza
PIKE STREET
BROADWAY
HENRY STREET
MADISON STREET
MONROE STREET
RUTGERS STREET
CHERRY STREET
SOUTH STREET
RUTGERS SLIP
HOGAN PLACE
COLUMBUS PARK
MOSCO ST
EAST HENRY STREET
MARKET
RUTGERS PARK
New York State Building
WORTH STREET
CENTRE STREET
NY County Court House
ORDWAY PLACE
BAXTER ST
PARK ROW
PEARL ST
US Court House
CARDINAL LANE
ANDREW'S PLAZA
OLIVER STREET
CATHERINE STREET
ST JAMES PLACE
MONROE STREET
MARKET SLIP
Knickerbocker Village
CHERRY STREET
WATER STREET
SOUTH STREET VIADUCT
PIER 35
Manhattan Bridge
Chambers St-Centre St
Municipal Building
Police Headquarters
PEARL STREET
AVENUE OF THE FINEST
MADISON STREET
ROSE STREET
CHEROKEE SLIP
SOUTH STREET
R F WAGNER SR PLACE
PRINCETON at Pace University
SPRUCE ST
Southbridge Towers
DOVER STREET
GOLD STREET
Beekman Downtown Hospital
PEARL STREET
PECK SLIP
FRONT STREET
WATER STREET
Brooklyn Bridge
FULTON LANDING FERRIES TO PIER 11 AND E 34TH ST
DOCK STREET
WASHING STREET
WATER STREET
FRONT STREET
York Street
JOHN STREET
BRIDGE STREET
PLYMOUTH STREET
WATER STREET
PEARL STREET
Fulton Street
ANN STREET
GOLD STREET
BEEKMAN STREET
Fulton Fish Market
South Street Seaport
FULTON STREET
JOHN STREET
SOUTH STREET VIADUCT
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PIER 17
PIER 16
PIER 15
PIER 14
PIER 13
PIER 11 WALL ST FERRY PIER
FERRIES TO FULTON LANDING
-BAY RIDGE AND ROCKAWAY
-NEWPORT
-PORT LIBERTE
JERSEY CITY
PIER 9
PIER 6
PIER 4
PIER 3
PIER 2
PIER 1
PIER 5
OLD FULTON ST
BROOKLYN QUEENS EXPRESSWAY
SANDS STREET
ADAM'S ST
DOUGHTY STREET
VINE STREET
FURMAN STREET
COLUMBIA
HICKS STREET
MIDDAGHS STREET
CRANBERRY STREET
WILLOW STREET
HEIGHTS
ORANGE ST
PINEAPPLE STREET
CLARK STREET
HENRY STREET
CADMAN PLAZA WEST
High Street
WASHINGTON STREET
Clark Street
BROOKLYN HEIGHTS PROMENADE
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS
QUEENS EXPRESSWAY
278
FURMAN STREET
PIERREPONT STREET
MONTAGUE STREET
REMSEN STREET
GRACE COURT
JORALEMON STREET
HENRY STREET
CLINTON STREET
SYDNEY STREET
GARDEN PL
WILLOW PL
PLATT STREET
LEGION SQUARE
FLETCHER
MAIDEN LANE
PINE STREET
WATER STREET
HANOVER SQUARE
COENTIES ALLEY
OLD SLIP
FRONT STREET
GOVERNEUR STREET
MANGIN STREET
JEANNELLE PARK
Vietnam Veterans' Plaza
New York Plaza
Downtown Manhattan Heliport
Battery Maritime Building
SOUTH FERRY
FERRIES TO GOVERNORS ISLAND
STATEN ISLAND FERRY
FERRIES TO STATEN ISLAND AND WEEHAWKEN

General Theological Seminary
Chelsea Historic District
Port Authority Building
14th Street-Eighth Avenue
18th Street
Sixth Avenue
14th Street-Seventh Avenue
Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace
National Arts Club
UNION SQUARE
14th Street-Union Square
MEATPACKING DISTRICT
St Vincent's Hospital
Seaman's Institute and Marine Museum
Forbes Building
Salmagundi Club
First Presbyterian Church
Church of the Ascension
Grace Church
Jefferson Market Courthouse
Mark Twain's House
8th Street-Broadway
WEST VILLAGE
Christopher St-Sheridan Square
West 4th Street-Washington Square
WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK
New York University
The New York University Law Center
Judson Memorial Church
Washington Square Village
Isaacs-Hendricks House
Grove Court
75 1/2 Bedford Street
St Luke's Place
HUDSON PARK
Houston Street-Varick Street
WEST HOUSTON STREET
Broadway-Lafayette Street
New Museum of Contemporary Art
Prince Street-Broadway
Singer Building
SOHO
Spring Street-Sixth Avenue
New York City Fire Museum
St Nicholas Hotel
Haughwort Building
Canal Street
Canal Street-Sixth Avenue
Holland Tunnel
PIER 51
PIER 50
PIER 49
PIER 48
PIER 46
PIER 45
PIER 42
PIER 40
PIER 34
PIER 32

GRAMERCY PARK
PARK AVE SOUTH
Police Academy Museum
Players
Cabrini Medical Center
Block Beautiful
IRVING PLACE
THIRD AVENUE
SECOND AVENUE
FIRST AVENUE
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EAST 20TH STREET
EAST 19TH STREET
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15TH STREET
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RUTHERFORD PLACE
STUYVESANT SQUARE
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Beth Israel Medical Center
Con Edison Headquarters
PIER 68
PIER 67
EAST 14TH STREET
Third Avenue
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EAST 13TH STREET
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EAST 2ND STREET
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STUYVESANT ALLEY
St-Mark's-in-the-Bowery Church
STUYVESANT ST
FOURTH AVENUE
WANAMAKER PLACE
ASTOR PLACE
Astor Place-8th Street
Cooper Union Building
COOPER SQUARE
TARAS SHEVCHENKO PLACE
Colonnade Row
LAFAYETTE STREET
Public Theater
STABLE CT
Old Merchant's House
JONES STREET
BOWERY
NOHO
ALLEY
EAST 2ND
Bayard-Condict Building
Bleecker Street-Lafayette Street
EXTRA PL
TOMPKINS SQUARE
ST MARKS PLACE
EAST VILLAGE
GUSTAVE HARTMAN SQUARE
HOUSTON STREET
Second Avenue-Houston Street
PERETZ SQUARE
CLINTON
ATTORNEY
RIDGE
PITT
SHERIFF STREET
COLUMBIA
HAMILTON FISH PARK
MANGIN STREET
BARUCH PLACE
Puck Building
ELIZABETH
MOTT
MULBERRY
JERSEY STREET
Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral
PRINCE STREET
CHRYSTIE STREET
SARA D ROOSEVELT PARK
FORSYTH STREET
ELDRIDGE
ORCHARD
LUDLOW
ESSEX
NORFOLK
SUFFOLK
STANTON STREET
LOWER EAST SIDE
RIVINGTON STREET
ALLEN STREET
DELANCEY STREET
SOUTH
NOLITA
FERRARA ALLEY
Spring Street-Lafayette Street
Bowery-Delancey Street
Essex Street-Delancey Street
Harry Delancey Plaza
WILLETT STREET
ABRAHAM BRAZAN STREET
Bialystoker Synagogue
BIALYSTOKER PLACE
SAMUEL A SPIEGEL SQUARE
GRAND STREET
JACKSON STREET
KENMARE STREET
GRAND PLACE
CENTRE MARKET PL
BROOME STREET
LITTLE ITALY
Home Savings of America
Lower East Side Tenement Museum
BROOME
Police HQ Building
Grand Street-Chrystie Street
BAXTER ST
CENTRE ST
Engine Company No.31
HESTER STREET
DOVER
W H SEWARD PARK
SAMUEL DOCKSER PLAZA
BROADWAY
HENRY GOUVERNEUR STREET
MADISON STREET
CHERRY ST
WATER STREET
EAST RIVER PARK
Athletic Field
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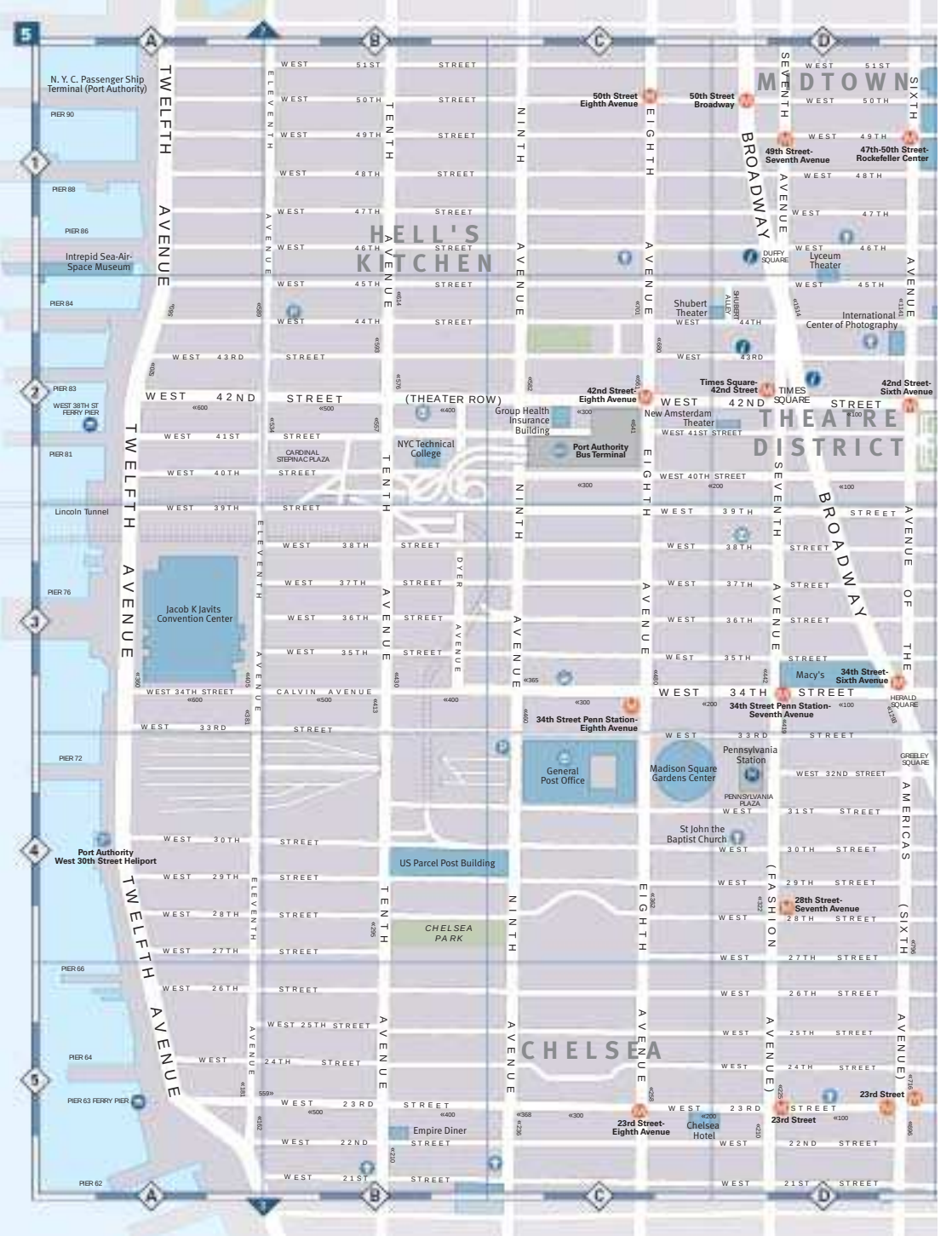
N. Y. C. Passenger Ship Terminal (Port Authority)
PIER 90
PIER 88
PIER 86
Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum
PIER 84
PIER 83
WEST 38TH ST FERRY PIER
PIER 81
Lincoln Tunnel
PIER 76
Jacob K Javits Convention Center
PIER 72
Port Authority West 30th Street Heliport
PIER 66
PIER 64
PIER 63 FERRY PIER
PIER 62
TWELFTH AVENUE
ELEVENTH AVENUE
TENTH AVENUE
NINTH AVENUE
EIGHTH AVENUE
SEVENTH AVENUE
BROADWAY
AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS (SIXTH AVENUE)
WEST 51ST STREET
WEST 50TH STREET
WEST 49TH STREET
WEST 48TH STREET
WEST 47TH STREET
WEST 46TH STREET
WEST 45TH STREET
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WEST 34TH STREET
CALVIN AVENUE
WEST 33RD STREET
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WEST 26TH STREET
WEST 25TH STREET
WEST 24TH STREET
WEST 23RD STREET
WEST 22ND STREET
WEST 21ST STREET
HELL'S KITCHEN
(THEATER ROW)
CARDINAL STEPINAC PLAZA
NYC Technical College
Group Health Insurance Building
Port Authority Bus Terminal
DYER AVENUE
US Parcel Post Building
CHELSEA PARK
Empire Diner
CHELSEA
MIDTOWN
50th Street Eighth Avenue
50th Street Broadway
49th Street-Seventh Avenue
47th-50th Street-Rockefeller Center
DUFFY SQUARE
Lyceum Theater
SHUBERT ALLEY
Shubert Theater
International Center of Photography
42nd Street-Eighth Avenue
Times Square-42nd Street
TIMES SQUARE
42nd Street-Sixth Avenue
New Amsterdam Theater
THEATRE DISTRICT
Macy's
34th Street-Sixth Avenue
HERALD SQUARE
34th Street Penn Station-Seventh Avenue
34th Street Penn Station-Eighth Avenue
General Post Office
Madison Square Gardens Center
Pennsylvania Station
PENNSYLVANIA PLAZA
GREELEY SQUARE
St John the Baptist Church
28th Street-Seventh Avenue
(FASHION)
23rd Street-Eighth Avenue
Chelsea Hotel
23rd Street

Saint Patrick's Cathedral
Villard Houses
St Bartholomew's Church
51st Street-Lexington Ave
Waldorf-Astoria
Radio City Music Hall
Rockefeller Center
Japan Society
Diamond Row
Fred F French Building
Helmsley Building
HAMMERSKJOLD PLAZA
Algonquin Hotel
New York Yacht Club
MetLife Building
1&2 United Nations Plaza
United Nations Headquarters
Grand Central Terminal
Chrysler Building
Fifth Avenue-42nd Street
Grand Central- 42nd Street & Lexington Avenue
Chanin Building
News Building
EAST 42ND ST
BRYANT PARK
New York Public Library
PERSHING SQUARE
Home Savings of America
Tudor City
Queens - Midtown Tunnel 495
American Standard Building
Pierpont Morgan Library
MURRAY HILL
Church of the Incarnation Episcopal
ST VARTANS PARK
34th Street Heliport
EAST 34TH STREET FERRY PIER
Empire State Building
33rd Street Park Avenue
Kips Bay Plaza
Marble Collegiate Reformed Church
Little Church Around the Corner
New York University Medical Center
28th Street-Broadway
28th Street
Bellevue Hospital
New York Life Insurance Company
WORTH SQUARE
MADISON SQUARE PLAZA
Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York
MADISON SQUARE PARK
Worth Monument
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
Manhattan Marina
23rd Street-Broadway
23rd Street
Flatiron Building
GRAMERCY PARK
FLATIRON
PETER COOPER ROAD
PIER 70
PIER 69
East River
FIFTH AVENUE
MADISON AVENUE
PARK AVENUE
LEXINGTON AVENUE
THIRD AVENUE
SECOND AVENUE
FIRST AVENUE
UNITED NATIONS PLAZA
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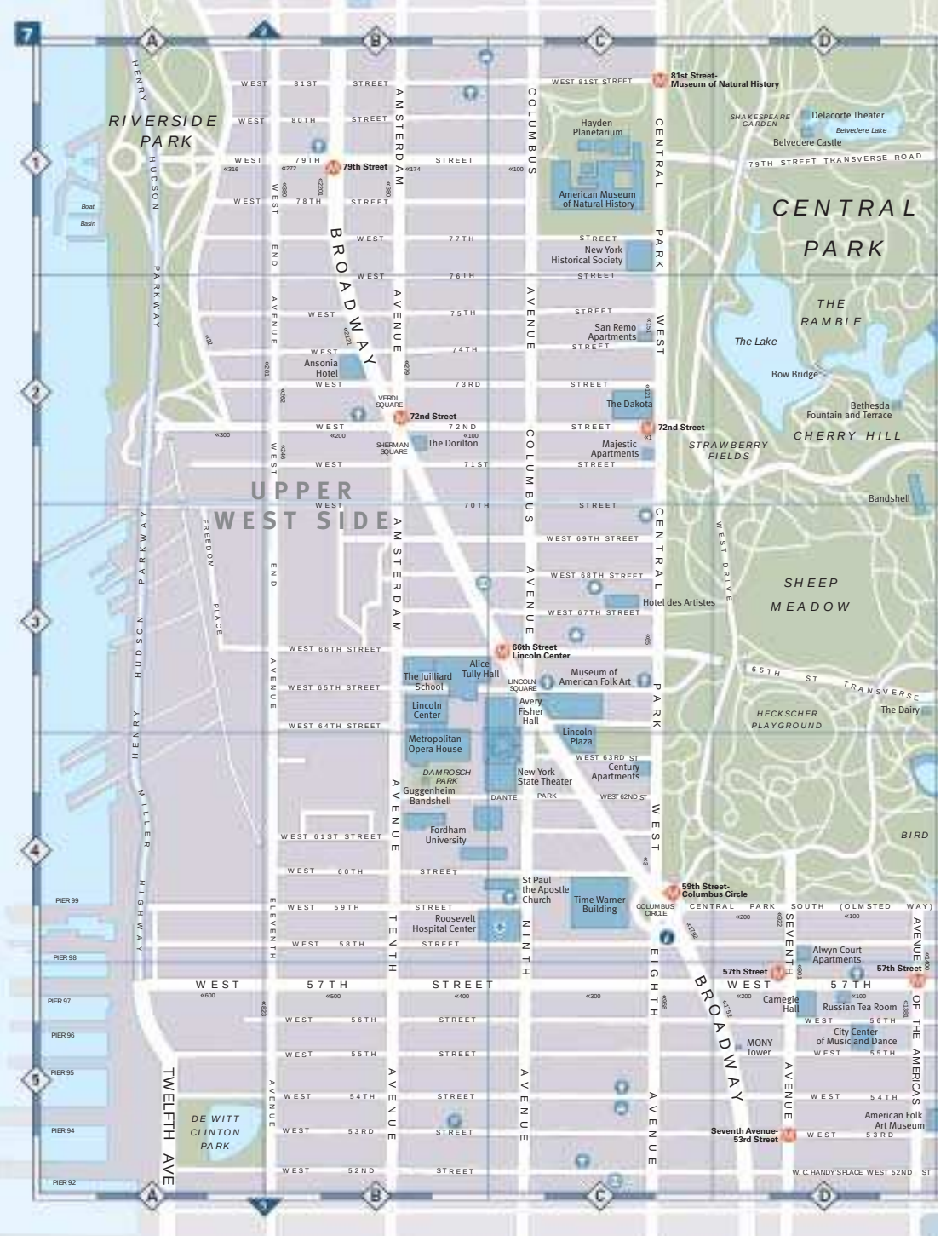
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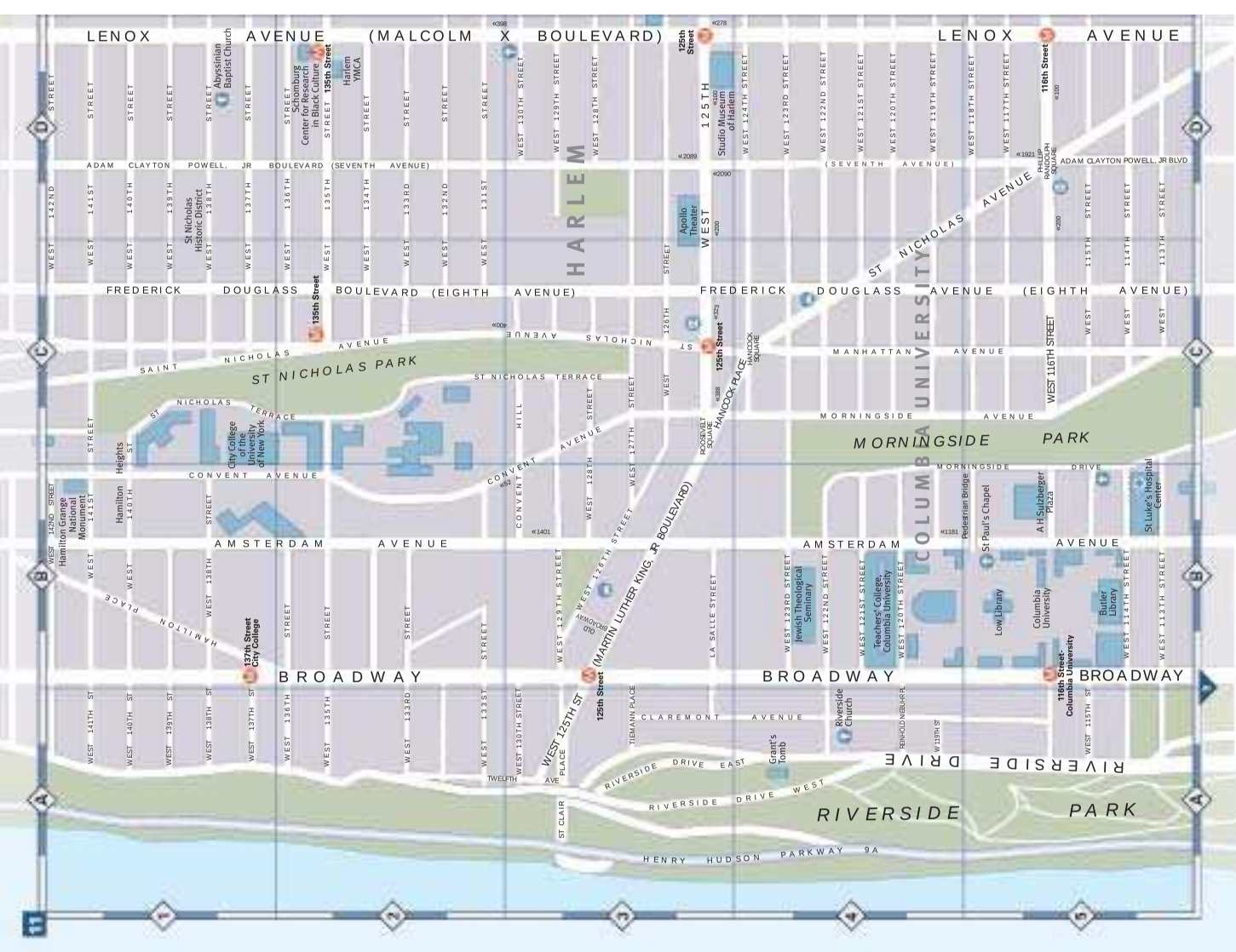
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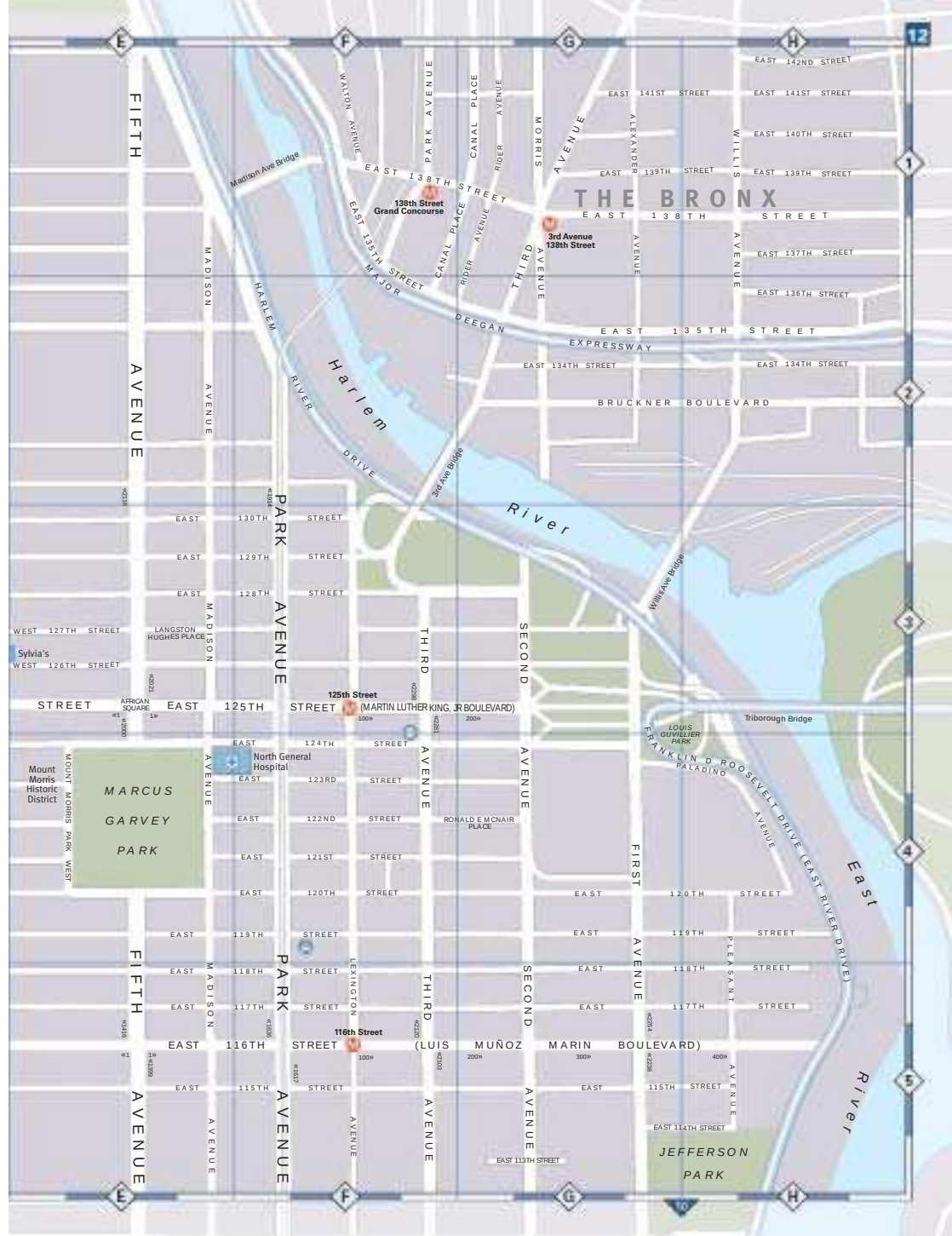
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Exchange Place **1 D4**
Extra Place **4 E4**

F

Father Demo Square **3 C3**
Father Fagan Square **3 C4**
Fifth Avenue
1–144 **3 D3–D1**
145–644 **6 E5–E1**
645–1008 **8 E5–E1**
1009–1339 **10 E5–E1**
1340–2360 **12 E5–E1**
Fifth Avenue (Museum Mile) **10 E1**
Finn Square **1 C1**
First Avenue
1–349 **4 F4–F1**
350–929 **6 G5–G1**
930–1574 **8 G5–G1**
1575–2179 **10 G5–G1**
2180–2116 **12 G5–G3**
First Place **1 C4**
Flatbush Avenue (Brooklyn) **13 C4**
Fletcher Street **2 E3**
Flushing Avenue (Brooklyn) **13 D2**
Foot Bridge **10 H2**
Forsyth Street **4 F4**
Fourth Avenue **4 E3**
Frankfort Street **2 E2**
Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive **6 H3**
Franklin Place **1 D1**
Franklin Street **1 D1**
Franklin Street (Brooklyn) **13 B1**
Frawley Circle **10 E1**
Frederick Douglass Blvd. **11 C1**
Frederick Douglass Circle **9 C1**
Freedom Place **7 A3**
Freeman Alley **4 E4**
Front Street **2 E4**
Front Street (Brooklyn) **2 H3**
Fulton Street **1 D3**
Fulton Street (Brooklyn) **13 C4**
Furman Street (Brooklyn) **2 G3**

G

Gansevoort Street **3 A2**
Gates Avenue (Brooklyn) **13 C3**
Gay Street **3C3**
Gold Street **2 E3**
Gouverneur Slip East **2 H1**
Gouverneur Slip West **2 H1**

G *continued*

Gouverneur Street 4 H5
Gowanus Expressway 3 B5
Grace Court (Brooklyn) 2 H5
Gracie Square 10 H5
Gracie Terrace 10 H5
Gramercy Park East 4 E1
Gramercy Park West 3 D1
Grand Army Plaza (Brooklyn) 13 C4
Grand Street 4 E5
Grand Street (Brooklyn) 13 D1
Great Jones Street 4 E3
Greeley Square 5 D4
Greene Avenue (Brooklyn) 13 C3
Greene Street 3 D5
Greenpoint Avenue 13 B1
Greenwich Avenue 3 B2
Greenwich Street 1 C2
Grove Place 3 B3
Grove Street 3 B3
Gustave Hartman Square 4 G3

H

Hamilton Place 11 B1
Hammerskjold Plaza 6 G1
Hancock Place 11 C3
Hancock Square 11 C4
Hanover Square 2 E4
Hanover Street 2 E4
Harlem River Drive 12 F2
Harrison Street 1 C1
Harry Howard Square 2 E1
Henry Hudson Parkway 7 A1
Henry Street 4 H5
Henry Street (Brooklyn) 2 H4
Herald Square 5 D3
Hester Street 4 F5
Hicks Street (Brooklyn) 2 H4
Hogan Place 2 E1
Holland Tunnel 3 A5
Horatio Street 3 A2
Howard Street 3 D5
Hubert Street 1 B1
Hudson Street 1 C1
Humboldt Street (Brooklyn) 13 C2

I

Independence Plaza 1 C1
Irving Place 4 E1

J

J. P. Ward Street 1 C4
Jackson Street 4 H5
James Street 2 E2
Jane Street 3 A2
Jay Street 1 C1
Jay Street (Brooklyn) 2 H2
Jefferson Street 2 G1
Jersey Street 4 E4
John Street 1 D3
John Street (Brooklyn) 2 H2
Jones Alley 3 D4
Jones Street 3 C3
Joralemon Street (Brooklyn) 2 H5

K

Kenmare Street 4 E5
Kent Avenue (Brooklyn) 13 B2
King Street 3 B4

L

La Guardia Place 3 D4
La Salle Street 11 B3
Lafayette Avenue (Brooklyn) 13 D3
Lafayette Street 4 E3
Laight Street 1 B1
Langstons Hughes Place 12 E3
Legion Square 2 E3
Leonard Street 1 C1
Leroy Street 3 B4
Lewis Avenue (Brooklyn) 13 D3
Lewis Street 4 H4
Lexington Avenue
- 1–579 6 F5–F1
- 580–1204 8 F5–F1
- 1205–1609 10 F5–F1
- 1610–2120 12 F5–F2

Liberty Place 1 D3
Liberty Street 1 D3
Lincoln Place (Brooklyn) 13 C4
Lincoln Square 7 C3
Lincoln Tunnel 5 A3
Lispenard Street 1 D1
Little West 12th Street 3 A2
Ludlow Street 4 F4
Luis Muñoz Marin Boulevard 10 G5

M

Macdougal Alley 3 C3
Macdougal Street 3 C4
Madison Avenue 12 E1
Madison Avenue Bridge 12 F1
Madison Square Plaza 6 E5
Madison Street 2 E2
Maiden Lane 1 D3
Major Deegan Expressway 12 F1
Mangin Street 4 H4
Manhattan Avenue 9 C1
Manhattan Avenue 13 B1
Manhattan Bridge 2 G2
Marcy Avenue (Brooklyn) 13 D3
Market Slip 2 F2
Market Street 2 F1
Marketfield Street 1 D4
Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard 11 B3
McCarthy Square 3 B2
McGuinness Boulevard 13 B1
Mercer Street 3 D4
Metropolitan Avenue 13 D1
Middagh Street (Brooklyn) 2 G4
Milligan Place 3 C2
Minetta Lane 3 C3
Minetta Street 3 C3
Montague Street (Brooklyn) 2 H5
Montgomery Street 2 H1
Moore Street 1 D5
Morningside Avenue 11 C4
Morningside Drive 11 B4
Morris Avenue (the Bronx) 12 G1
Morris Street 1 C4
Mosco Street 2 E1
Mott Street 2 E1
Mount Morris Park West 12 E4
Mulberry Street 2 E1
Mulry Square 3 B2
Murray Street 1 C2
Myrtle Avenue (Brooklyn) 13 D2

N

N. D. Perlman Place 4 F1
Nassau Street 1 D3
Navy Street (Brooklyn) 13 B3
New Street 1 D4
Ninth Avenue
- 1–174 3 A1
- 175–769 5 C5–C1
- 770–907 7 C5–C4

Norfolk Street 4 F4
North 4th–8th Street 13 B2
North 9th–15th Street 13 B1
North End Avenue 1 B3
North Moore Street 1 C1
Nostrand Avenue (Brooklyn) 13 D3

O

Old Broadway 11 B3
Old Fulton Street (Brooklyn) 2 G3
Old Slip 2 E4
Oliver Street 2 E1
Orange Street (Brooklyn) 2 G4
Orchard Street 4 F4

P

Paladino Avenue 12 H4
Park Avenue
- 1–339 6 F3–F1
- 340–954 8 F5–F1
- 955–1559 10 F5–F1
- 1560–2300 12 F5–F2

Park Avenue (the Bronx) 12 F1
Park Avenue (Brooklyn) 13 C3
Park Avenue South 3 D1
Park Place 1 C2
Park Place (Brooklyn) 13 D4
Park Row 1 E2
Park Street 2 E2
Parkside Avenue (Brooklyn) 13 D5
Patchin Place 3 C2
Pearl Street 2 E3
Pearl Street (Brooklyn) 2 H2
Peck Slip 2 E3
Pell Street 2 E1
Peretz Square 4 F4
Perry Street 3 A3
Pershing Square 6 F2
Peter Cooper Road 6 H5
Peter Minuit Plaza 1 D5
Phillip Randolph Square 11 D5
Pierrepont Street (Brooklyn) 2 H5
Pike Street 2 F1
Pine Street 1 D4
Pineapple Street (Brooklyn) 2 H4
Pitt Street 4 G4
Platt Street 2 E3
Pleasant Avenue 12 H4
Plymouth Street (Brooklyn) 2 H2
Pomander Walk 9 B3
Prince Street 4 E4
Prospect Expressway 13 C5
Prospect Park West 13 C5
Putnam Avenue (Brooklyn) 13 C3

Q

Queens–Midtown Tunnel 6 H2
Queensboro Bridge 8 H4

R

R. F. Wagner Sr. Place 2 E2
Reade Street 1 D2
Rector Place 1 C4
Rector Street 1 D4
Reinhold Niebuhr Place 11 A4
Remsen Street (Brooklyn) 2 H5
Renwick Street 3 B5
Rider Avenue (the Bronx) 12 G1
Ridge Street 4 G4
River Terrace 1 B2
Riverside Drive 9 A1
Riverside Drive East 11 A3
Riverside Drive West 11 A3
Rivington Street 4 F4
Rockefeller Plaza 6 E1
Ronald E. McNair Place 12 F4
Roosevelt Square 11 C3
Rose Street 2 E2
Rutgers Street 2 G1
Rutherford Place 4 E1
Ryders Alley 2 E3

S

St. Clair Place 11 A3
St. James Place 2 E2
St. John's Place (Brooklyn) 13 D4
St. Luke's Place 3 B4
St. Mark's Avenue 13 D4
St. Mark's Place 4 F3
St. Nicholas Avenue 11 C1
St. Nicholas Terrace 11 C1
St. Peter's Street 1 D2
Samuel A. Spiegel Square 4 H5
Samuel Dickstein Plaza 4 G5
Samuel Street 4 E1
Sands Street (Brooklyn) 2 H3
Second Avenue
- 1–354 4 E4–E1
- 355–969 6 G5–G1
- 970–1579 8 G5–G1
- 1580–2189 10 G5–G1
- 2190–2485 12 G5–G3

Second Place 1 C4
Seventh Avenue
- 1–164 3 B2–B1
- 165–784 5 D5–D1
- 785–921 7 D5–D4

Seventh Avenue South 3 B2
Sheridan Square 3 B3

Sheriff Street 4 H4
Sherman Square 7 C2
Shinbone Alley 3 D3
Shubert Alley 5 D3
Sixth Avenue
1–59 1 D1
60–669 3 C5–C1
670–1289 5 C5–C1
1290–1419 7 D5–D4
Smith Street (Brooklyn) 13 B4
Sniffen Court 6 F3
South Bowery 3 A3
South Central Park 7 D4
South End Avenue 1 C4
South Ferry Plaza 1 D5
South Street 2 E3
South Street Viaduct 2 F2
South Sutton Place 8 H5
South William Street 1 D4
South 2nd - 6th Street 13 B2
Spring Street 3 B5
Spruce Street 2 E2
Stable Court 4 E3
Stanton Street 4 F4
Staple Street 1 C1
Stone Street 1 D4
Straus Park 9 A2
Stuyvesant Alley 4 E2
Stuyvesant Avenue 13 D2
Stuyvesant Street 4 E2
Suffolk Street 4 G4
Sullivan Street 3 C4
Sumner Avenue (Brooklyn) 13 D3
Sutton Place 8 H4
Swing Street 8 E5
Szold Place 4 G2

T

Taras Shevchenko Place 4 E3
Tenth Avenue
1–184 3 A1
185–759 5 B5–B1
760–889 7 B5–B4
Thames Street 1 D4
Theatre Alley 1 D3
Third Avenue
1–254 4 E4–E1
255–844 6 F5–F1
845–1444 8 F5–F1
1445–2049 10 F5–F1
2050–2340 12 F5–F3
Third Avenue (the Bronx) 12 G2
Third Place 1 C4
Thompson Street 3 C4
Throop Avenue (Brooklyn) 13 D3
Tiemann Place 11 A3
Tillary Street (Brooklyn) 13 B3
Times Square 5 D2
Tompkins Avenue 13 D3
Transverse Road 9 D3
Triborough Bridge 12 H3
Trimble Place 1 D2
Trinity Place 1 D4
Tudor City Place 6 G2
Tunnel Entrance Street 6 G3
Twelfth Avenue
1–704 5 A5–A1
705–900 7 A5

U

Union Avenue (Brooklyn) 13 C2
Union Square East 3 D1
Union Square West 3 D1
Union Street (Brooklyn) 13 C4
University Place 3 D2

V

Vandam Street 3 D5
Vanderbilt Avenue 6 F2
Vanderbilt Avenue (Brooklyn) 13 C3
Vandervoort Avenue 13 C1
Varick Street 1 C1
Verdi Square 7 B2
Vesey Street 1 C3
Vestry Street 1 B1
Village Square 3 C2
Vine Street (Brooklyn) 2 G3

W

W. C. Handy's Place 7 D5
Walker Street 1 D1
Wall Street 1 D4
Walton Avenue (the Bronx) 12 F1
Wanamaker Place 4 E2
Warren Street 1 C2
Washington Alley 4 E2
Washington Avenue 13 C4
Washington Mews 3 D3
Washington Place 3 D3
Washington Square 3 C3
Washington Square North 3 C3
Washington Square South 3 C3
Washington Street 1 C3
Washington Street (Brooklyn) 2 H4
Water Street 4 H5
Water Street (Brooklyn) 2 H3
Watts Street 3 C5
Waverly Lane 3 C5
Waverly Place 3 D3
Waverly Street 3 D3
West 3rd Street 3 D3
West 4th Street 3 C3
West 8th Street 3 C3
West 9th–14th Street 3 C2
West 15th–20th Street 3 B1
West 21st–26th Street 5 D5
West 27th–33rd Street 5 D4
West 34th–39th Street 5 D3
West 40th–45th Street 5 D2
West 46th–51st Street 5 D1
West 52nd–57th Street 7 B5
West 58th–61st Street 7 B4
West 62nd–63rd Street 7 C4
West 64th–66th Street 7 B3
West 67th–69th Street 7 C3
West 70th–75th Street 7 B2
West 76th–82nd Street 7 B1
West 83rd–88th Street 9 C5
West 89th–94th Street 9 C4
West 95th–100th Street 9 B3
West 101st–106th Street 9 B2
West 107th–112th Street 9 B1
West 113th–116th Street 11 D5
West 119th–124th Street 11 D4
West 125th–130th Street 11 D3
West 131st–136th Street 11 D2
West 137th–142nd Street 11 D1
West Broadway 1 C2
West Central Park 9 C1
West Drive 9 D3
West End Avenue
1–459 7 B4–B1
460–960 9 B5–B2
West Houston Street 3 C4
West MacDougal Street 3 C3
West Street 1 B1
West Thames Street 1 C4
West Washington Square 3 A3
West Washington Place 3 C3
Westside Highway
(West Street) 1 C3
White Street 1 D1
Whitehall Street 1 D4
Willett Street 4 H5
William Street 1 D3
Williamsburg Bridge 13 B2
Willis Avenue (the Bronx) 12 H1
Willoughby Avenue 13 C3
Willow Street (Brooklyn) 2 G4
Wooster Street 3 D5
Worth Square 6 E5
Worth Street 2 E1
Wyckoff Street (Brooklyn) 13 B4

Y

York Avenue 8 H1
York Street (Brooklyn) 13 B3

Downtown

Restaurants

Chinatown

Golden Unicorn (p25) $
18 East Broadway (Map 2 F1)
Chinese

Peking Duck House (p25) $$
28 Mott Street (Map 2 E1)
Chinese

HSF (p160) $$
46 Bowery (Map 2 E1)
Chinese

Chinatown Ice Cream Factory (p160) $
65 Bayard Street (Map 2 E1)
Ice Cream Parlor

Great NY Noodle Town (p160) $
28 1/2 Bowery at Bayard Street (Map 2 E1)
Chinese

East Village

2nd Avenue Deli (p33) $$
156 2nd Avenue (Map 4 E2)
Deli

Angelica Kitchen (p32) $
300 East 12th St.(Map 4 E2)
Vegetarian

Bao (p29) $
111 Avenue C (Map 4 G3)
Vietnamese

Crif Dogs (p36) $
113 St. Mark's Place (Map 4 F3)
American

Daily Chow (p30) $
2 East 2nd Street (Map 4 E3)
Asian

DT–UT (p162) $
41 Avenue B (Map 4 G2)
Café

The Elephant (p27) $$
58 East 1st Street (Map 4 F4)
French/Thai

Mermaid Inn (p31) $$
96 2nd Avenue (Map 4 E3)
Seafood

Mud Spot (p31) $
307 East 9th Street (Map 4 E2)
www.themudtruck.com
Café

Paul's Palace (p31) $
131 2nd Avenue (Map 4 E3)
American

Pommes Frites (p36) $
123 2nd Avenue (Map 4 E3)
Belgian

Pylos (p30) $$
128 East 7th Street (Map 4 F3)
Greek

Rue B (p162) $
188 Avenue B (Map 4 G2)
Café

Sobaya (p32) $/$$
229 East 9th Street (Map 4 E2)
Japanese

Le Souk (p29) $$
47 Avenue B (Map 4 G3)
North African

Le Tableau (p29) $$
511 East 5th Street (Map 4 F3)
French

Yaffa Cafe (p30) $
97 St. Mark's Place (Map 4 F3)
Middle Eastern

Lower East Side

Alias (p28) $$
76 Clinton Street (Map 4 G4)
American

Bereket (p27) $
187 East Houston St.
(Map 4 F4)
Turkish

Cube 63 (p28) $$
63 Clinton Street (Map 4 G4)
Japanese

Fried Dumpling (p36) $
99 Allen Street (Map 4 F4)
Chinese

'inoteca (p28) $$
98 Rivington Street (Map 4 F4)
Italian

WD-50 (p28) $$$
50 Clinton Street (Map 4 G4)
American

Lower Manhattan

Amish Fine Food Market (p160)
17 Battery Place (Map 1 D5)
Downtown/Lower Manhattan

Cosi Downtown (p160) $
55 Broad Street (Map 1 D4)
Deli/Sandwich Shop

Pret a Manger (p160) $
60 Broad Street (Map 1 D4)
Deli/Sandwich Shop

Meatpacking District

Bonsignour (p72) $
35 Jane Street (Map 3 B2)
Bakery

Florent (pp38 & 161) $$
69 Gansevoort Street (Map 3 A2)
American/European

Pastis (p161)
9 Ninth Avenue (Map 3 A2)
French

Nolita

Cafe Gitane (p27) $
242 Mott Street (Map 4 E4)
North African

Cafe Habana (p27) $
17 Prince Street (Map 4 E4)
Cuban/Mexican

Housing Works Used Book Café (p15) $
126 Crosby Street (Map 3 D4)
Café

SoHo

Balthazar (p25) $$
80 Spring Street (Map 3 D5)
French

Blue Ribbon Sushi (p33) $$
119 Sullivan Street (Map 3 C4)
Japanese

Dean & DeLuca (pp13, 65) $
560 Broadway (Map 3 D4)
Bakery/Deli

L'Ecole (p26) $
462 Broadway (Map 3 D5)
French

Mercer Kitchen (p25) $$
99 Prince Street (Map 3 D5)
French/American

Tribeca

66 (p24) $$$
241 Church Street (Map 1 D1)
Chinese

Acappella (p24) $$$
1 Hudson Street (Map 1 C2)
Italian

Chanterelle (p38) $$$
2 Harrison Street (Map 1 C1)
www.chanterellenyc.com
French

Montrachet (p24) $$$
239 West Broadway (Map 1 D1)
European

Nobu (p38) $$$
105 Hudson Street (Map 1 C1)
212 219 0500, www.myriad restaurantgroup.com
Japanese

West Village

Babbo (p34) $$$
110 Waverly Place
(Map 3 C3)
Northern Italian

BB Sandwich Bar (p36) $
120 West 3rd Street (Map 3 C3)
Deli

Blue Ribbon Bakery (p33) $$
33 Downing Street (Map 3 C4)
European

Cones (p36) $
272 Bleecker Street (Map 3 C3)
Ice Cream Parlor

Deborah (p13) $$
43 Carmine Street (Map 3 C4)
Brunch

Jane (p26) $$
100 West Houston Street
(Map 3 D4)
American

Joe (p31) $
141 Waverly Place
212 924 6750 (Map 3 C3)
Café

John's of Bleecker Street (p35) $
278 Bleecker Street (Map 3 C3)
Pizzeria

Magnolia Bakery (p71) $
401 Bleeker Street (Map 3 B3)
Downtown/West Village

Mamoun's (p36) $
119 MacDougal St. (Map 3 C3)
Middle Eastern

Mary's Fish Camp (p37) $$
64 Charles Street (Map 3 B3)
Seafood

Mud Truck (p31) $
14th Street and Broadway
(Map 3 D2)
www.themudtruck.com
Café

NY Dosas (p37) $
West 4th Street & Sullivan
Street (Map 3 C3)
Vegetarian

Otto Enoteca and Pizzeria (p34) $$
1 5th Avenue (Map 3 D3)
Italian

La Palapa Rockola (p34) $$
359 6th Avenue (Map 3 C3)
Mexican

Sumile (p38) $$$
154 West 13th Street (Map 3 C2)
Japanese

Paris Commune (p13) $
99 Bank (Map 3 A3)
Brunch

Pepe Rosso's (p36)
149 Sullivan Street (Map 3 C4)
Italian

Tartine (p38) $
253 West 11th Street
(Map 3 B2)
French

Tea & Sympathy (p31)
108 Greenwich Avenue
(Map 3 C2)
British

Tomoe Sushi (p33) $$
172 Thompson Street
(Map 3 C4)
Japanese

Wallsé (p37) $$$
344 West 11th Street
(Map 3A3)
Austrian

Shopping

East Village

Kiehl's (p77)
109 3rd Avenue (Map 4 E2)
Health & Beauty

St. Mark's Sounds (p78)
16 St. Mark's Place
(Map 4 E3)
Music

The Strand (p77)
828 Broadway (Map 3 D2)
Books

Little Italy

The Apartment (p66)
101 Crosby Street (Map 3 D4)
Interiors

Calypso (p67)
280 Mott Street (Map 4 E4)
Fashion

Hable Construction (p68)
230 Elizabeth Street
(Map 4 E4)
Interiors

INA (p67)
21 Prince Street (Map 4 E4)
Fashion

Mayle (p68)
242 Elizabeth Street
(Map 4 E4)
Fashion

Rescue Nail Spa (p66)
21 Cleveland Place (Map 4 E5)
Health & Beauty

Lower East Side

ALife Rivington Club (p69)
158 Rivington Street
(Map 4 G4)
Shoes & Accessories

Shop (p70)
105 Stanton Street (Map 4 F4)
Fashion

Teany (p70)
90 Rivington Street (Map 4 F4)
Food

TG-170 (p69)
170 Ludlow Street (Map 4 F4)
Fashion

Lower Manhattan

Century 21 (p60)
22 Cortlandt Street (Map 1 D3)
Fashion

Green Market (p160)
Farmer's market at Bowling
Green Park (Map 1 D4)
Food Market

Amish Market Downtown (p160)
17 Battery Place (Map 1 D4)
Food Market

Meatpacking District

Alexander McQueen (p161)
417 West 14th Street (Map 3 A2)
Fashion

Bonsignour (p72)
35 Jane Street (Map 3 B2)
Food

Jeffrey (pp74 & 161)
449 West 14th St. (Map 3 A2)
Department Store

MXYPLYZYK (p73)
125 Greenwich Ave. (Map 3 B2)
Interiors

Stella McCartney (p73)
429 West 14th Street
(Map 3 A2)
Fashion

Vitra (p161)
29 9th Avenue (Map 3 A2)
Interiors

Nolita

Bond 07 By Selima (p68)
7 Bond Street (Map 3 D3)
Shoes & Accessories

LAFCO (p69)
285 Lafayette Street
(Map 4 E4)
Health & Beauty

Rafe (p68)
1 Bleecker Street (Map 4 E4)
Shoes & Accessories

SoHo

Barney's Co-Op (p62)
116 Wooster Street
(Map 3 D4)
Fashion

Clio (p63)
92 Thompson Street
(Map 3 C4)
Interiors

Le Corset by Selima (p62)
80 Thompson Street
(Map 3 C5)
Lingerie

Costume National (p63)
108 Wooster Street
(Map 3 D4)
Fashion

Dean & DeLuca (p65)
560 Broadway
(Map 3 D4)
Food

Helmut Lang (p62)
80 Greene Street
(Map 3 D5)
Fashion

Hotel Venus by Patricia Field (p60)
382 West Broadway
(Map 3 D5)
Fashion

Kate Spade Travel (p60)
59 Thompson Street
(Map 3 C5)
Shoes & Accessories

Kate's Paperie (p66)
561 Broadway
(Map 3 D4)
Stationery

Keiko (p61)
62 Greene Street
(Map 3 D5)
Fashion

Kirna Zabete (p63)
96 Greene Street (Map 3 D4)
Fashion

Miu Miu (p63)
100 Prince Street
(Map 3 D4)
Fashion

Moss (p64)
146 Greene Street
(Map 3 D4)
Interiors

Pearl River Mart (p61)
477 Broadway
(Map 3 D5)
Department Store

Downtown

Shopping *continued*

Prada (p64)
575 Broadway (Map 3 D4)
Fashion

SCO (p67)
584 Broadway (Map 3 D4)
Health and Beauty

Scoop (p65)
532 Broadway (Map 3 D4)
Fashion

West Village

Fat Beats (p71)
406 6th Avenue (Map 3 C2)
Music

Flight 001 (p72)
96 Greenwich Ave. (Map 3 B2)
Shoes & Accessories

Fresh (p71)
388 Bleecker Street (Map 3 B3)
Health & Beauty

Magnolia Bakery (p71)
401 Bleecker Street (Map 3 B3)
Food

Marc by Marc Jacobs (p72)
403-405 Bleecker Street
(Map 3 B4)
Fashion

Marc Jacobs (p64)
163 Mercer Street (Map 3 D4)
Fashion

Subterranean Records (p71)
5 Cornelia Street (Map 3 C3)
Music

Art & Architecture

Chinatown

Leo Koenig (p96)
249 Centre Street
(Map 2 E2)
212 334 9255
Art Gallery

Mahayana Buddhist Temple (p160)
133 Canal Street
(Map 2 E1)
Temple

Museum of Chinese in the Americas (p160)
70 Mulberry Street, 2nd Floor
(Map 2 E1)
Museum

Lower Manhattan

Federal Hall (p160)
26 Wall Street (Map 1 D4)
Historic Building

Ground Zero (p95) (Map 1 C3)
Modern Architecture

Skyscraper Museum (p95)
39 Battery Place (Map 1 D5)
Museum

St. Paul's Chapel (p94)
209 Broadway between Fulton & Vesey Sts (Map 1 D3)
Church

Trinity Church (p160)
Broadway at Wall Street
(Map 1 D4)
Church

U.S. Custom House (p94)
1 Bowling Green (Map 1 D5)
Historic Building

Woolworth Building (p96)
233 Broadway at Barclay Street
(Map 1 D2)
Historic Building

Lower East Side

Lower East Side Tenement Museum (p97)
90 Orchard Street (Map 4 F5)
Museum

Meatpacking District

Karkula Gallery (p161)
68 Gansevoort Street
(Map 3 A2)
Interiors

Nolita

Merchant's House Museum (p97)
29 East 4th Street (Map 4 E3)
Museum

SoHo

Broken Kilometer (p96)
393 West Broadway (Map 3 D5)
Installation

Deitch Projects (p96)
18 Wooster Street (Map 3 D5)
Art Gallery

Earth Room (p96)
141 Wooster Street (Map 3 D4)
Installation

West Village

Forbes Magazine Gallery (p98)
60 5th Avenue at West 12th Street (Map 3 D2)
Art Gallery

Jefferson Market Courthouse (p98)
425 6th Avenue (Map 3 C2)
Historic Building

Performance

East Village

Bowery Poetry Club (p118)
308 Bowery (Map 4 E4)
Music/Poetry Venue

CBGB (p118)
315 Bowery (Map 4 E4)
Music Venue

C-Note (p119)
157 Avenue C (Map 4 G2)
Music Venue

Landmark's Sunshine Theater (p118)
143 East Houston Street
(Map 4 E4)
Film Theater

Nuyorican Poet's Cafe (p119)
236 East 3rd Street (Map 4 G3)
Poetry

P.S.122 (p120)
150 1st Avenue (Map 4 F2)
Combined Arts Center

Lower East Side

Arlene's Grocery (p117)
95 Stanton Street (Map 4 F4)
Music Venue

Bowery Ballroom (p117)
6 Delancey Street (Map 4 E5)
Music Venue

Mercury Lounge (p116)
217 East Houston Street
(Map 4 F4)
Music Venue

Tonic (p117)
107 Norfolk Street (Map 4 G4)
Music Venue

Nolita

The Public Theater (p119)
425 Lafayette Street (Map 4 E3)
Theater

SoHo

Film Forum (p114)
209 West Houston Street
(Map 3 C4)
Film Theater

S.O.B's (p114)
204 Varick Street (Map 3 C4)
Music Venue

Tribeca

Knitting Factory (p114)
74 Leonard Street (Map 1 D1)
Music Venue

West Village

55 Bar (p116)
55 Christopher Street
(Map 3 C3)
Jazz Venue

Blue Note (p115)
131 West 3rd Street (Map 3 C3)
Jazz Venue

The Comedy Cellar (p115)
117 MacDougal St. (Map 3 C3)
Comedy

Cornelia Street Cafe (p115)
29 Cornelia Street (Map 3 C3)
Music/Poetry Venue

Duplex (p116)
61 Christopher Street
(Map 3 B3)
Cabaret

Village Vanguard (p116)
178 7th Avenue South
(Map 3 B2)
Jazz Venue

Bars & Clubs

Chinatown

Winnie's (p136)
104 Bayard Street
(Map 2 E1)
Bar

East Village

2A (p141)
25 Avenue A (Map 4 F3)
Bar

Angel's Share (p142)
8 Stuyvesant Street
(Map 4 E2)
Cocktail Lounge

Bar Veloce (p144)
175 2nd Avenue (Map 4 E2)
Bar

Beauty Bar (p144)
231 East 14th Street (Map 4 E2)
DJ Bar

Chez es Saada (p141)
42 East 1st Street (Map 4 F4)
Bar

KGB (p142)
85 East 4th Street (Map 4 E3)
Bar

Korova Milk Bar (p145)
200 Avenue A (Map 4 F2)
Bar

Lansky Lounge (p139)
104 Norfolk Street (Map 4 G4)
Cocktail Lounge/DJ Bar

McSorley's Old Ale House (p142)
15 East 7th Street
(Map 4 E3)
Ale House

Nevada Smith's (p142)
74 3rd Avenue (Map 4 E2)
Bar

Parkside Lounge (p141)
317 East Houston Street
(Map 4 G4)
Bar

Rue B (p145)
188 Avenue B
(Map 4 G2)
Bar

Swift (p142)
34 East 4th Street (Map 4 E3)
Ale House

Uncle Ming's (p146)
225 Avenue B,
2nd Floor
(Map 4 G2)
DJ Bar

Little Italy

ñ (p138)
33 Crosby Street (Map 3 D5)
Bar

Lower East Side

Arlene's Grocery (p117)
95 Stanton Street (Map 4 F4)
Bar & Music Venue

Barramundi (p140)
67 Clinton Street (Map 4 F4)
Bar

Slipper Room (p141)
167 Orchard Street (Map 4 F4)
Bar

Welcome to the Johnson's (p140)
123 Rivington Street (Map 4 F4)
Bar

Lower Manhattan

Pussycat Lounge (p136)
96 Greenwich Street (Map 1 D4)
Bar

Meatpacking District

Cielo (pp148 & 161)
18 Little West 12th Street
(Map 3 A2)
Club

Cubbyhole (p148)
281 West 12th Street (Map 3 B2)
Bar

Rhône (p148)
63 Gansevoort Street (Map 3 A2)
Bar

Nolita

B-Bar & Grill (p143)
40 East 4th Street (Map 4 E3)
Bar

Pravda (p139)
281 Lafayette Street (Map 4 E4)
Cocktail Lounge

Temple Bar (p138)
332 Lafayette Street (Map 4 E4)
Cocktail Lounge

SoHo

Antarctica (p136)
287 Hudson Street (Map 3 C5)
Bar

THOM's Bar (p137)
60 Thompson Street (Map 3 C5)
Cocktail Lounge

West Village

Blind Tiger Ale House (p147)
518 Hudson Street
(Map 3 B3)
Ale House

Chumley's (p146)
86 Bedford Street (Map 3 B3)
Bar

Lotus (p144)
409 West 14th Street
(Map 3 A2)
DJ Bar

Stonewall (p147)
53 Christopher Street
(Map 3 B3)
Bar

Sullivan Room (p146)
218 Sullivan Street
(Map 3 C3)
DJ Bar

Vol de Nuit (p146)
148 West 4th Street (Map 3 C3)
Ale House

White Horse Tavern (p147)
567 Hudson Street
(Map 3 B3)
Ale House

Havens: Parks & Gardens

Lower Manhattan

Battery Park (p160)
Battery Place & State Street
(Map 1 D4)
www.bpcparks.org

Havens: Spas & Treatments

SoHo

Angel Feet (p170)
77 Perry Street (Map 3 B3)

Bliss SoHo (p170)
568 Broadway (Map 3 D4)

Jivamukti Yoga Center (p171)
404 Lafayette Street
(Map 4 E3)

Hotels

Meatpacking District

Abingdon Guest House (p183) $
13 8th Avenue (Map 3 B2)

SoHo House New York (p184) $$$
29–35 9th Avenue (Map 3 A2)

SoHo

Bevy's SoHo Loft (p182) $
70 Mercer Street (Map 3 D5)

60 Thompson (p182) $$$
60 Thompson Street (3 C5)

Mercer Hotel (p182) $$$
147 Mercer Street (Map 3 D4)

SoHo Grand Hotel (p182) $$
310 West Broadway (Map 3 D5)

Tribeca

Tribeca Grand Hotel (p183) $$$
Two Avenue of the Americas
(Map 3 C5)

West Village

Washington Square Hotel (p183) $
103 Waverly Place (Map 3 C3)

Midtown

Restaurants

Chelsea

Biltmore Room (p40) $$$
290 8th Avenue (Map 5 C5)
International

City Bakery (p39) $
3 West 18th Street (Map 3 C1)
Bakery

Grand Sichuan International (p39) $
229 9th Avenue (Map 5 C5)
Chinese

Red Cat (p39) $$
227 10th Avenue (Map 5 B5)
International

Midtown

Restaurants *continued*

Wild Lily Tea Room (p171)
511-a West 22nd Street
(Map 5 B5)
Tea Room

Flatiron

Tamarind (p41) $$
41–3 East 22nd Street
(Map 6 F5)
Indian

Bolo (p40) $$$
23 East 22nd Street (Map 6 E5)
Spanish

Tabla (p40) $$$
11 Madison Avenue
(Map 6 E5)
Indian

Mandoo Bar (p42) $
2 West 32nd Street (Map 6 E4)
Korean

Gramercy

Artisanal (p42) $$
2 Park Avenue (Map 6 F4)
European

Blue Smoke (p41) $$
116 East 27th Street (Map 6 F4)
American

Dos Caminos (p41) $$
373 Park Avenue S. (Map 6 F5)
Mexican

Gramercy Tavern (p38)
42 East 20th Street (Map 4 E1)
212 477 0777
American

i Trulli (p42) $$$
122 East 27th Street
(Map 6 F4)
Italian

Lady Mendl's Tea Room (p31)
56 Irving Place
(Map 4 E1)
Tea Room

Union Square Café (p39) $$$
21 East 16th Street
(Map 3 D1)
American

Hell's Kitchen

Sandwich Planet (p43) $
534 9th Avenue (Map 5 C2)
Deli

Murray Hill

Cho Dang Gol (p43) $
55 West 35th Street (Map 6 E3)
Korean

Ess-a-Bagel (p44) $
831 3rd Avenue (Map 6 F1)
Bagel Shop

Theater District

Acqua Pazza (p45) $$$
36 West 52nd Street
(Map 8 E5)
Italian

Aquavit (p45) $$$
65 East 55th Street
(Map 8 F5)
Swedish

Churrascaria Plataforma (p44) $$$
316 West 49th Street
(Map 5 C1)
South American

Four Seasons (p38) $$$
99 East 52nd Street
(Map 7 D5)
American

Genki Sushi (p44) $
9 East 46th Street
(Map 6 E1)
Japanese

Mi Nidito (p43) $$
852 8th Avenue
(Map 5 C1)
Mexican

Norma's (p46) $$
Le Parker Meridien Hotel
118 West 57th Street
(Map 7 D5)
Breakfast/Brunch

Palm Court Tea Room (p31)
Plaza Hotel, 768 5th Avenue
(Map 8 E4)
Tea Room

Town (p46) $$$
Chambers Hotel,
15 West 56th Street (Map 8 E5)
International

Shopping

Chelsea

La Cafetiere (p74)
160 9th Avenue (Map 3 A1)
Interiors

Chelsea Flea Market (p162)
North West corner of 24th
Street and 6th Avenue
(Map 5 D5)
Market

Gap (p70)
60 West 34th Street (Map5 D3)
Fashion

Jazz Record Center (p78)
236 West 26th Street,
8th floor (Map 5 C5)
Music

Macy's (p76)
151 West 34th Street
(Map 5 D3)
Department Store

Flatiron

Carapan Urban Spa and Store (p75)
5 West 16th Street (Map 3 C1)
Health & Beauty

Gramercy

ABC Carpet and Home (p75)
888 Broadway (Map 3 D1)
Interiors

Paragon Sporting Goods (p76)
867 Broadway (Map 3 D1)
Sporting Goods

Union Square Green Market (p162)
Union Square (Map 3 D1)
Market

Theater District

Bergdorf Goodman (p81)
754 5th Avenue (Map 8 E4)
Department Store

Felissimo (p80)
10 West 56th Street (Map 8 E5)
Interiors

Henri Bendel (p76)
712 5th Avenue
(Map 8 E5)
Department Store

Jimmy Choo (p78)
645 5th Avenue (Map 8 E5)
Shoes & Accessories

Manolo Blahnik (p78)
31 West 54th Street (Map 8 E5)
Shoes & Accessories

Niketown (p80)
6 East 57th Street (Map 8 E5)
Shoes & Accessories

Sak's Fifth Avenue (p76)
611 5th Avenue (Map 6 El)
Department Store

Takashimaya (p79)
693 5th Avenue (Map 8 E5)
Department Store

Art & Architecture

Chelsea

Gagosian (p96)
555 West 24th Street (Map 5 B5)
www.gagosian.com
Art Gallery

Mary Boone (p96)
541 West 24th Street (Map 5 B5)
www.maryboone.com
Art Gallery

Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology (p98)
7th Avenue at 27th Street
(Map 5 D4)
Museum

Pace Wildenstein (p96)
534 West 25th Street (Map 5 B5)
Art Gallery

Gramercy

Block Beautiful (p98)
East 19th Street, between
Irving Place & 3rd Avenue
(Map 4 E1)
Historic Building

Murray Hill

Chanin Building (p99)
122 East 42nd Street at
Lexington Avenue
(Map 6 F2)
Modern Architecture

Chrysler Building (p99)
405 Lexington Avenue
(Map 6 F2)
Modern Architecture

Daily News Building (p99)
220 East 42nd Street (Map 6 G2)
Modern Architecture

General Electric Building (p99)
570 Lexington Avenue
at 51st Street (Map 6 F1)
Modern Architecture

Whitney Museum of American Art at Altria (p100)
120 Park Avenue at 42nd Street (Map 6 F2)
Museum

Theater District

International Center of Photography (p100)
1133 Avenue of the Americas (Map 5 D2)
Art Gallery

Museum of Modern Art (p101)
11 West 53rd Street (Map 8 E5)
Museum

Museum of Television and Radio (p103)
25 West 52nd Street (Map 8 E5)
Museum

Rose Museum at Carnegie Hall (p100)
154 West 57th Street, 2nd Floor (Map 7 D5)
Museum

Performance

Chelsea

Hammerstein Ballroom (p121)
311 West 34th Street (Map 5 C3)
Music Venue

The Joyce Theater (p120)
175 8th Avenue (Map 3 B1)
Dance

The Kitchen (p120)
512 West 19th Street (Map 3 A1)
Combined Arts Center

Upright Citizen's Brigade (p121)
307 West 26th Street (Map 5 C5)
Comedy

Flatiron

Gotham Comedy Club (p121)
34 West 22nd Street (Map 6 E5)
Comedy

Kavehaz (p121)
37 West 26th Street (Map 6 E5)
Music Venue

Gramercy

Rodeo Bar (p122)
375 3rd Avenue (Map 6 F5)
Music Venue

Hell's Kitchen

The Soul Cafe (p122)
444 West 42nd St. (Map 5 B2)
Music Venue

Theater District

B.B. King Blues Club (p122)
237 West 42nd St. (Map 5 C2)
Jazz & Blues Venue

Carnegie Hall (p125)
881 7th Avenue at 57th Street (Map 7 D5)
Concert Hall

City Center (p123)
131 West 55th Street (Map 7 D5)
Combined Arts Center

Don't Tell Mama (p123)
343 West 46th Street (Map 5 C1)
Cabaret

Ed Sullivan Theater (p124)
51 West 52nd Street (Map 7 D5)
TV Studio

NBC Studios (p124)
Main Lobby, 49th St.between 5th & 7th Aves (Map 6 E1)
TV Studio

Rainbow Room (p123)
30 Rockefeller Plaza, 65th Floor (Map 6 E1)
Ball Room

Roundabout/A A Theatre (p122)
227 West 42nd St.(Map 5 D2)
Theater

Swing 46 (p123)
349 West 46th Street (Map 5 C1)
Ball Room

Sports Arenas

Flatiron

Madison Square Garden (p131)
Map 6 E5
Sports Arena

Bars and Clubs

Chelsea

Avalon (p149)
47 West 20th Street (Map 3 C1)
DJ Bar

Bungalow 8 (p150)
515 West 27th Street (Map 5 B4)
Bar

Copacabana (p151)
560 West 34th Street (Map 5 B3)
Ball Room

Glass (p150)
287 10th Avenue (Map 5 B5)
Bar

Hiro (p150)
366 West 17th Street (Map 3 A1)
Bar

Plunge Bar (p155)
18 9th Avenue (Map 3 A1)
Bar

Roxy (p149)
515 West 18th Street (Map 3 A1)
Club

Serena (p149)
Chelsea Hotel,
222 West 23rd Street (Map 5 C5)
Bar

Spirit (p150)
530 West 27th Street (Map 5 B4)
Bar

Flatiron

Eugene (p149)
27 West 24th Street (Map 6 E5)
Club

Sky Bar (p155)
17 West 32nd Street (Map 6 E4)
Bar with view

Hell's Kitchen

Rudy's Bar & Grill (p148)
627 9th Avenue (Map 5 C1)
Bar

Murray Hill

Campbell Apartment (p151)
15 Vanderbilt Avenue
Southwest Balcony
Grand Central Terminal (Map 6 F2)
Bar

The Ginger Man (p151)
11 East 36th Street (Map 6 E3)
Bar

Métrazur (p152)
East Balcony, Grand Central Station (Map 6 F2)
Cocktail Lounge

Theater District

Round Table Room
Algonquin Hotel (p16)
59 West 44th Street (Map6 E2)
Cocktail Lounge

Ava Lounge (p152)
210 West 55th Street (Map 7 D5)
Bar

Flûte (p152)
205 West 54th Street (Map 7 D5)
DJ Bar

Russian Vodka Room (p153)
265 West 52nd Street (Map 7 C5)
Bar

Single Room Occupancy (p152)
360 West 53rd Street (Map 7 C5)
Bar

Turtle Bay

Mica Bar (p148)
252 East 51st Street (Map 6 F1)
Bar

Top of the Tower @ Beekman Tower Hotel (p172)
3 Mitchell Place at 49th Street & First Avenue (Map 6 G1)
Bar

Havens: Spas & Treatments

Theater District

The Spa at the Mandarin Oriental (p172)
80 Columbus Circle at 60th Street, 35th Floor (Map 7 C4)

Hotels

Chelsea

Chelsea Inn (p185) $
46 West 17th Street (Map 3 C1)

Midtown

Chelsea Lodge (p185) $
318 West 20th Street (Map 3 B1)

Hotel Chelsea (p183) $$
222 West 23rd Street (Map 5 C5)

Maritime Hotel (p185) $$
363 West 16th Street (Map 3 A1)

Gramercy

West Union Square (p185) $$
201 Park Avenue S (Map 3D1)

Murray Hill

Morgans (p187) $$$
237 Madison Avenue
(Map 6 E3)

Theater District

Bryant Park Hotel (p186) $$
40 West 40th Street
(Map 6 E2)

Four Seasons (p188) $$$
57 East 57th Street
(Map 8 E5)

The Peninsula (p186) $$$
700 5th Avenue at 55th Street
(Map 8 E5)

The Plaza (p183) $$$
5th Avenue at Central Park
South (Map 8 E4)

Royalton (p186) $$
44 West 44th Street (Map 6 E2)

St. Regis (p186) $$$
2 East 55th Street
(Map 8 E5)

Upper East Side

Restaurants

Annie's (p47) $
1381 3rd Avenue (Map 8 F1)
American

Atlantic Grill (p48) $$
1341 3rd Avenue (Map 8 F1)
Seafood

Candle 79 (p48) $$
154 East 79th Street (Map 8 F1)
Vegetarian/Vegan

Geisha (p46) $$$
33 East 61st Street (Map 8 E4)
Japanese

March (p47) $$$
405 East 58th Street (Map 8 H4)
Asian

Mezzaluna (p47) $$
1295 3rd Avenue (Map 8 F2)
Italian

Rotunda at the Pierre (p174)
The Pierre Hotel, 2 East 61st
Street (Map 8 E4)
Tea Room

Serendipity 3 (p47) $$$
225 East 60th Street (Map 8 F4)
American

Sushi of Gari (p49) $$$
402 East 78th Street (Map 8 G1)
Japanese

Via Quadronno (p31)
25 East 73rd Street (Map 8 F2)
www.viaquadronno.com
Italian

Shopping

ABH Designs (p84)
401 East 76th Street (Map 8 H1)
Interiors

Barney's New York (p82)
660 Madison Avenue
(Map 8 E4)
Department Store

Bloomingdale's (p76)
1000 3rd Avenue
(Map 8 F4)
Department Store

Bra Smyth (p82)
905 Madison Avenue
(Map 8 E2)
Lingerie

Christian Louboutin (p83)
941 Madison Avenue
(Map 8 E2)
Shoes & Accessories

Clyde's (p83)
926 Madison Avenue
(Map 8 E2)
Heath & Beauty

Diane B (p83)
1414 3rd Avenue (Map 8 F2)
Fashion

Dylan's Candy Bar (p82)
1011 3rd Avenue
(Map 8 F4)
Food

Liliblue (p83)
955 Madison Avenue
(Map 8 E2)
Shoes & Accessories

La Perla (p82)
803 Madison Avenue
(Map 8 E3)
Lingerie

Searle (p84)
1124 Madison Avenue
(Map 10 E5)
Fashion

Art & Architecture

Asia Society (p103)
725 Park Avenue. at 70th
Street (Map 8 F2)
Gallery

Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum (p105)
2 East 91st Street
(Map 10 E4)
Museum

Frick Collection (p102)
1 East 70th Street
(Map 8 E2)
Museum

Guggenheim Museum (p104)
1071 5th Avenue at 89th Street
(Map 10 E4)
Museum

The Jewish Museum (p105)
1109 5th Avenue at 92nd
Street (Map 10 E4)
Museum

Metropolitan Museum of Art (p103)
1000 5th Avenue (Map 8 E1)
Museum

El Museo del Barrio (p107)
1230 5th Avenue at 104th
Street (Map 10 E2)
Museum

Whitney Museum of American Art (p101)
945 Madison Avenue
(Map 8 E2)
Museum

Performance

92nd Street Y (p125)
1395 Lexington Avenue
(Map 10 F4)
Combined Arts Center

The Comic Strip (p125)
1568 2nd Avenue (Map 8 G1)
Comedy

Florence Gould Hall (p124)
55 East 59th Street (Map 8 F4)
Combined Arts Center

Bars

Baraonda (p153)
1439 2nd Avenue (Map 8 G2)
Bar

Bemelmans Bar (p153)
Carlyle Hotel, 35 East 76th
Street (Map 8 E1)
Bar

Havens: Parks & Gardens

Conservatory Gardens at Central Park (p173)
5th Avenue at 110th Street
(Map 10 E2)

The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Roof Garden (p172)
Metropolitan Museum of Art,
1000 5th Avenue
(Map 8 E1)

The Ramble at Central Park (p173)
5th Avenue between 72nd and
80th Sts (Map 7 D2)

Hotels

1871 House (p188) $$
130 East 62nd Street
(Map 8 F4)

The Carlyle (p183) $$$
Madison Avenue at 76th Street
(Map 8 E1)
www.thecarlyle.com

Hotel Wales (p190) $$
1295 Madison Avenue
(Map 10 E4)

The Lowell (p189) $$$
28 East 63rd Street (Map 8 F4)

The Mark (p189) $$$
25 East 77th Street (Map 8 E1)

The Melrose (p189) $$
140 East 63rd Street
(Map 8 F4)

The Pierre (p189) $$$
5th Avenue at 61st Street
(Map 8 E4)

Upper West Side

Restaurants

Aix (p51) $$$
2398 Broadway (Map 9 B5)
French

El Malecón II (p50) $
764 Amsterdam Avenue (9 B3)
Caribbean

Ouest (p49) $$$
2315 Broadway (Map 9 B5)
American

Pasha (p50) $$
70 West 71st Street (Map 7 C2)
Turkish

Picholine (p50) $$$
35 West 64th Street (Map 7 C3)
European

Tavern on the Green (p38)
Central Park West between
66th and 67th Sts (Map 7 C3)
212 873 3200
www.tavernonthegreen.com
American

Shopping

Blades Board & Skate (p84)
120 West 72nd Street
(Map 7 B2)
Sporting Goods

Housing Works Thrift Shop (p85)
306 Columbus Avenue
(Map 7 C2)
Thrift Store

Intermix (p84)
210 Columbus Avenue
(Map 7 C3)
Fashion

Super Runners (p85)
360 Amsterdam Avenue
(Map 7 B1)
Sporting Goods

Zabar's (p85)
2245 Broadway (Map 7 B1)
Food

Art and Architecture

Cathedral Church of St. John Divine (p174)
1047 Amsterdam Avenue
(Map 9 B1)
Church

Performance

Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts (p126)
Straddling Broadway and
Amsterdam Avenue between
62nd and 66th Sts
(Map 7 B3)
Performing Arts Center

Makor (p127)
35 West 67th Street (Map 7 C3)
Combined Arts Center

Merkin Concert Hall (p125)
129 West 67th Street (Map 7 B3)
Concert Hall

Smoke (p127)
2751 Broadway (Map 9 B2)
Jazz Venue

Stand-Up NY (p127)
236 West 78th Street (Map 7 B2)
Comedy

Symphony Space (p127)
2537 Broadway (Map 9 B3)
Combined Arts Center

Bars & Clubs

Boat Basin Café (p155)
West 79th St. at Henry Hudson
Parkway (Map 7 A1)
Bar

Library Bar (p148)
Hudson Hotel, 356 West 58th
Street (Map 7 B4)
Bar

Hotels

Hudson Hotel (p187) $$
356 West 58th Street (Map 7 C4)

Above Central Park

Restaurants

Columbia University

Symposium (p51) $$
544 West 113th St. (Map 11 B5)
Greek

Fort Tryon

New Leaf Café (p51) $$
Fort Tryon Park
American

Harlem

Amy Ruth's (p163) $
113 West 116th St. (Map 11 D5)
212 280 8779
American

Shopping

Harlem

Demolition Depot (p86)
216 East 125th St. (Map 12 G3)
Interiors

Xukuma (p86)
183 Lenox Avenue (11 D4)
Fashion/Interiors

Art & Architecture

Fort Tryon

The Cloisters (p106)
Fort Tryon Park
Museum

Harlem

Studio Museum in Harlem (p107)
144 West 125th Street
(Map 11 D3)
Museum

Performance

Harlem

Apollo Theater (p128)
253 West 125th Street
(Map 11 D3)
Music/Combined Arts Venue

Lenox Lounge (p129)
288 Lenox Avenue between
124th & 125th Sts
(Map 11 D3)
Jazz Venue

Clubs

Harlem

Jimmy's Uptown (p154)
2207 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.
Blvd. (Map 11 D3)
Club

Hotels

Harlem

The Harlem Flophouse (p190) $
242 West 123rd Street
(Map 11 D4)

Brooklyn

Restaurants

Brooklyn Heights

Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory (p164) $
Fulton Ferry Landing
(Map 13 A4)
Ice Cream Parlor

Connecticut Muffin (p164) $
115 Montague Street
(Map 13 A4)
Bakery

Noodle Pudding (p51) $$
38 Henry Street (Map 13 A3)
Italian

The River Café (p52) $$$
1 Water Street (Map 13 A3)
International

Teresa's (p164) $$
80 Montague St. (Map 13 A4)
Polish

Brooklyn

Restaurants *continued*

Carroll Gardens

The Grocery (p52) $$
288 Smith Street (Map 13 B4)
American

Joya (p52) $
215 Court Street (Map 13 B4)
Thai

Coney Island

Café Arbat (p166)
306 Brighton Beach Avenue
Eastern European

Café Glechik (p166)
3159 Coney Island Avenue
Eastern European

Nathan's Famous Hotdogs (p166) $
Corner of Surf & Stillwell Aves
American

Fort Greene

Butta'Cup Lounge (p54) $$
271 Adelphi Street
(Map 13 C3)
American

i-Shebeen Madiba (p54) $$
195 DeKalb Avenue
(Map 13 C3)
South African

LouLou (p53) $$
222 DeKalb Avenue
(Map 13 C3)
French

Midwood

DiFara Pizzeria (p54) $
1424 Avenue J
Pizzeria

Park Slope

Al Di La (p53) $$
248 5th Avenue (Map 13 C4)
Italian

Convivium Osteria (p53) $$
68 5th Avenue
(Map 13 C4)
Italian

Park Slope Chip Shop (p53) $
383 5th Avenue (Map 13 C5)
British

Williamsburg

Anna Maria's (p165) $
179 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 C2)
Pizzeria

Bamonte's (p55) $$
32 Withers Street
(Map 13 C1)
Italian

Bliss Café (p165)
191 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 C2)
Vegetarian

Cukiernia (p165) $
223 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 B2)
Bakery

Peter Luger Steak House (p55) $$$
178 Broadway (Map 13 C2)
American

Planet Thailand (p55) $
133 North 7th Street
(Map 13 B2)
Thai/Japanese

Relish (p55) $$
225 Wythe Avenue (Map 13 B2)
American

S & B Polish Restaurant (p165)
194 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 C2)
Restaurant

Verb Café (p165) $
218 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 C2)
Café

Shopping

Boerum Hill

Astroturf (p91)
290 Smith Street
(Map 13 B4)
Interiors

Bark (p87)
495 Atlantic Avenue
(Map 13 B4)
Interiors

Butter (p87)
407 Atlantic Avenue
(Map 13 B4)
Fashion

Brooklyn Heights

Heights Books (p164)
109 Montague Street
(Map 13 A4)
Books

Park Slope

Loom (p87)
115 7th Avenue (Map 13 C5)
Interiors

Nest (p88)
396A 7th Avenue (Map 13 C5)
Interiors

Williamsburg

Beacon's Closet (p89)
88 North 11th St. (Map 13 B1)
Thrift Store

Bedford Cheese Shop (p165)
218 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 C2)
Food

Brooklyn Industries (p165)
162 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 C2)
Shoes & Accessories

Brooklyn Lager Brewery (p165)
79 North 11th Street
(Map 13 C2)
www.brooklynbrewery.com
Food

Earwax Records (p90)
218 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 B2)
Music

Isa (p89)
88 North 6th Street
(Map 13 B2)
Fashion

Metaphors (p165)
195 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 C2)
Fashion

Mini Minimarket (p88)
218 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 B2)
Fashion

Moon River Chattel (p91)
62 Grand Street (Map 13 B2)
Interiors

Spacial (pp89 & 165)
199 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 B2)
Interiors/Fashion

Spoonbill & Sugartown (pp88 &165)
218 Bedford Avenue (Map 13 C2)
Books

Two Jakes (p91)
320 Wythe Avenue (Map 13 B2)
Interiors

Art & Architecture

Boerum Hill

Brooklyn Historical Society (p109)
128 Pierrepont Street
(Map 2 H5)
Museum

Brooklyn Museum of Art (p108)
200 Eastern Parkway
(Map 13 D4)
Museum

Williamsburg Savings Bank Building (p109)
1 Hanson Place, corner of Flatbush and Atlantic Aves
(Map 13 C4)
Modern Architecture

Park Slope

Prospect Park West (p107)
between Union and 15th Sts
(Map 13 C5)
Historic Buildings

Williamsburg

Momenta Art (p108)
72 Berry Street (Map 13 B1)
Art Gallery

Pierogi 2000 (p108)
177 North 9th Street (Map 13 B1)
www.pierogi2000.com
Art Gallery

Williamsburg Art & Historical Center (p108)
135 Broadway at Bedford Avenue (Map 13 B2)
Art Gallery

Performance

Brooklyn Heights

Barge Music (p130)
Fulton Ferry Landing
(Map 2 G3)
Concert Hall

Fort Greene

Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) (p129)
30 Lafayette Avenue
(Map 13 C4)
Performing Arts Center

Greenpoint

Warsaw (p130)
261 Driggs Avenue (Map 13 C1)
Music Venue

Bars & Clubs

Boerum Hill

Frank's Lounge (p154)
660 Fulton Street
(Map 13 B4)
DJ Bar

Zombie Hut (p154)
261 Smith Street
(Map 13 B4)
Cocktail Lounge

Gowanus Yacht Club (p155)
323 Smith Street
(Map 13 B4)
Bar

Coney Island

Ruby's (p155)
Coney Island Boardwalk
Bar

Greenpoint

Warsaw (p130)
261 Driggs Avenue
(Map 13 C1)
Bar/Music Venue

Park Slope

Buttermilk Bar (p156)
577 5th Avenue
(Map 13 C5)
Bar

Great Lakes (p155)
284 5th Avenue (Map 13 C4)
Bar

Williamsburg

Black Betty (p156)
366 Metropolitan Avenue at Havermeyer Street
(Map 13 C2)
Bar

Spuyten Duyvil (p156)
359 Metropolitan Avenue
(Map 13 C2)
Ale House

Larry Lawrence (p156)
295 Grand Street
(Map 13 C2)
Cocktail Lounge

Galapagos (p157)
70 North 6th Street
(Map 13 B2)
Bar/Music Venue

Trash (p156)
256 Grand Street
(Map 13 C2)
Bar

Havens: Parks & Gardens

Crown Heights

Brooklyn Botanic Garden (p176)
1000 Washington Avenue
(Map 13 D4)

Jamaica Bay

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge (p176)
Crossbay Boulevard,
Broad Channel

Park Slope

Prospect Park (p175)
www.prospectpark.org
(Map 13 D5)

Hotels

Boerum Hill

Union Street B&B (p191) $
405 Union Street (Map 13 B4)

Park Slope

Bed & Breakfast on the Park (p191) $$
113 Prospect Park West
(Map 13 C5)

Stuyvesant Heights

Akwaaba Mansion (p191) $
347 MacDonough Street

Queens

Restaurants

Jackson Diner (p167)
37 74th Street
American

Shopping

Patel Brothers (p167)
37–27 74th Street
Food

Sahil Sari Palace (p167)
37–55 74th Street
Fashion

Art & Architecture

Noguchi Sculpture Museum (p177)
32–37 Vernon Boulevard,
Long Island City
Art Gallery/Garden

P.S.1 (p109)
22–5 Jackson Avenue
Art Gallery

Sports Arenas

Shea Stadium (p131)
123-01 Roosevelt Avenue
Queens/Flushing Meadows
Baseball Stadium

The Bronx

Shopping

Borgatti's Ravioli & Noodle Company (p167)
632 East 187th Street
Food

Egidio Pastry Shop (p167)
622 East 187th Street
Food

Sports Arenas

Yankee Stadium (p131)
161st Street & River Avenue
Baseball Stadium

Havens: Parks & Gardens

Wave Hill (p175)
675 West 252nd Street
Garden

New Jersey

Performance

New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) (p131)
1 Center Street, Newark
Performing Arts Center

Sports Arenas

Giants Stadium (p131)
50 State Route 120 (off map)
East Rutherford, New Jersey
Football and Soccer Stadium

Restaurants

Recommended places to eat, including cafés, tea rooms, and delicatessens

American

Alias (p28) $$
76 Clinton Street (Map 4 G4)
Downtown/Lower East Side

Amy Ruth's (p163) $
113 West 116th Street
(Map 11 D5)
212 280 8779
Above Central Park/Harlem

Annie's (p47) $
1381 3rd Avenue (Map 8 F1)
Upper East Side

Blue Smoke (p41) $$
116 East 27th Street (Map 6 F4)
Midtown/Gramercy

Butta'Cup Lounge (p54) $$
271 Adelphi Street (Map 13 C3)
Brooklyn/Fort Greene

Crif Dogs (p36) $
113 St. Mark's Place (Map 4 F3)
Downtown/East Village

Florent (p38) $$
69 Gansevoort Street
(Map 3 A2)
Downtown/Meatpacking District

Four Seasons (p38) $$$
99 East 52nd Street (Map 7 D5)
www.fourseasons
restaurant.com
Midtown/Theater District

Gramercy Tavern (p38)
42 East 20th Street (Map 4 E1)
212 477 0777
Midtown/Gramercy

The Grocery (p52) $$
288 Smith Street (Map 13 B4)
Brooklyn/Carroll Gardens

Jackson Diner (p167)
37 74th Street
Queens/Jackson Heights

Jane (p26) $$
100 West Houston Street
(Map 3 D4)
Downtown/West Village

Mercer Kitchen (p25) $$
99 Prince Street (Map 3 D5)
Downtown/SoHo

Nathan's Famous Hotdogs (p166) $
Corner of Surf &
Stillwell Aves
Brooklyn/Coney Island

New Leaf Café (p51) $$
Fort Tryon Park, One Margaret
Corbin Drive (off map)
Above Central Park/Fort Tryon & Inwood

Ouest (p49) $$$
2315 Broadway (Map 9 B5)
Upper West Side

Paul's Palace (p31) $
131 2nd Avenue (Map 4 E3)
Downtown/East Village

Peter Luger Steak House (p55) $$$
178 Broadway (Map 13 C2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Relish (p55) $$
225 Wythe Avenue (Map 13 B2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Serendipity 3 (p47) $
225 East 60th Street
(Map 8 F4)
Upper East Side

Tavern on the Green (p38)
Central Park West between
66th & 67th Streets (Map 7 C3)
212 873 3200
www.tavernonthegreen.com
Upper West Side

Top of the Tower @ Beekman Tower Hotel (p172)
3 Mitchell Place at 49th Street
& 1st Avenue (Map 6 G1)
Midtown/Turtle Bay

Union Square Café (p39) $$$
21 East 16th Street (Map 3 D1)
Midtown/Gramercy

WD-50 (p28) $$$
50 Clinton Street (Map 4 G4)
Downtown/Lower East Side

Asian

Daily Chow (p30) $
2 East 2nd Street (Map 4 E3)
Downtown/East Village

March (p47) $$$
405 East 58th Street (Map 8 H4)
Upper East Side

Austrian

Wallsé (p37) $$$
344 West 11th Street (Map 3 A3)
Downtown/West Village

Bakeries

See also Cafés, Delis, and Tea Rooms

Bonsignour (p72) $
35 Jane Street (Map 3 B2)
Downtown/Meatpacking District

Egidio Pastry Shop (p167) $
622 East 187th Street
Bronx

Ess-a-Bagel (p44) $
831 3rd Avenue (Map 6 F1)
Midtown/Murray Hill

City Bakery (p39) $
3 West 18th Street
(Map 3 C1)
Midtown/Chelsea

Cukiernia (p165) $
223 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 B2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Dean & DeLuca (pp13, 65) $
560 Broadway (Map 3 D4)
Downtown/SoHo

Magnolia Bakery (p71) $
401 Bleeker Street
(Map 3 B3)
Downtown/West Village

Belgian

Pommes Frites (p36) $
123 2nd Avenue (Map 4 E3)
Downtown/East Village

Breakfast/Brunch

Deborah (p13) $
43 Carmine Street
(Map 3 C4)
Downtown/West Village

Florent (p13, 38) $
69 Gansevoort Street
(Map 3 A2)
Downtown/West Village

Norma's (p46) $$
Le Parker Meridien Hotel, 118
West 57th Street (Map 7 D5)
Midtown/Theater District

Paris Commune (p13)
99 Bank Street (Map 3 A3)
Downtown/West Village

British

Park Slope Chip Shop (p53) $
383 5th Avenue (Map 13 C5)
Brooklyn/Park Slope

Tea & Sympathy (p31)
108 Greenwich Ave. (Map 3 C2)
www.teaandsympathy
newyork.com
Downtown/West Village

Cafés

See also Bakeries, Delis, and Tea Rooms

Bonsignour (p72)
35 Jane Street (Map 3 B2)
Downtown/Meatpacking District

Connecticut Muffin (p164) $
115 Montague Street
(Map 13 A4)
Brooklyn/Brooklyn Heights

DT–UT (p162) $
41 Avenue B (Map 4 G2)
Downtown/East Village

Egidio Pastry Shop (p167) $
622 East 187th Street
Bronx

Housing Works Used Book Café (p15) $
126 Crosby Street (Map 3 D4)
Downtown/Nolita

Joe (p31) $
141 Waverly Place
212 924 6750 (Map 3 C3)
Downtown/West Village

Mud Spot (p31) $
307 East 9th Street (Map 4 E2)
www.themudtruck.com
Downtown/East Village

Mud Truck (p31) $
14th Street & Broadway
(Map 3 D2)
www.themudtruck.com
Downtown/West Village

Rue B (p162) $
188 Avenue B (Map 4 G2)
Downtown/East Village

Verb Café (p165) $
218 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 C2)
www.verbcafe.com
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Via Quadronno (p31)
25 East 73rd Street
212 650 9880
(Map 8 F2)
Upper East Side

Caribbean

El Malecón II (p50) $
764 Amsterdam Avenue
(9 B3)
Upper West Side

Chinese

66 (p24) $$$
241 Church Street
(Map 1 D1)
Downtown/Tribeca

Fried Dumpling (p36)
99 Allen Street (Map 4 F4)
Downtown/Lower East Side

HSF (p160) $$
46 Bowery (Map 2 E1)
Downtown/Chinatown

Golden Unicorn (p25) $
18 East Broadway
(Map 2 F1)
Downtown/Chinatown

Grand Sichuan International (p39) $
229 9th Avenue (Map 5 C5)
Midtown/Chelsea

Great NY Noodle Town (p160) $
28 1/2 Bowery at Bayard Street
(Map 2 E1)
Downtown/Chinatown

Peking Duck House (p25) $$
28 Mott Street
(Map 2 E1)
Downtown/Chinatown

Cuban

Cafe Habana (p27) $
17 Prince Street
(Map 4 E4)
Downtown/Nolita

Delis/Sandwich Shops

See also Bakeries, Cafés, and Tea Rooms

2nd Avenue Deli (p33) $$
156 2nd Avenue (Map 4 E2)
Downtown/East Village

Amish Fine Food Market (p160)
17 Battery Place (Map 1 D5)
Downtown/Lower Manhattan

BB Sandwich Bar (p36) $
120 West 3rd Street (Map 3 C3)
Downtown/West Village

Cosi (p160) $
55 Broad Street (Map 1 D4)
Downtown/Lower Manhattan

Dean & DeLuca (pp13, 65) $
560 Broadway (Map 3 D4)
Downtown/SoHo

Pret a Manger (p160) $
60 Broad Street (Map 1 D4)
Downtown/Lower Manhattan

Sandwich Planet (p43) $
534 9th Avenue (Map 5 C2)
Midtown/Hell's Kitchen

Zabar's (p85) $
2245 Broadway (Map 7 B1)
Upper West Side

Eastern European

Café Arbat (p166) $
306 Brighton Beach Avenue
Brooklyn/Coney Island

Café Glechik (p166) $
3159 Coney Island Avenue
Brooklyn/Coney Island

European

Artisanal (p42) $$
2 Park Avenue (Map 6 F4)
Midtown/Gramercy

Blue Ribbon Bakery (p33) $–$$$
33 Downing Street (Map 3 C4)
Downtown/West Village

Florent (pp38 & 161) $$
69 Gansevoort Street (Map 3 A2)
Downtown/Meatpacking District

Four Seasons (p38) $$$
99 East 52nd Street (Map 7 D5)
www.fourseasons
restaurant.com
Midtown/Theater District

Montrachet (p24) $$$
239 West Broadway (Map 1 C1)
Downtown/Tribeca

Picholine (p50) $$$
35 West 64th Street (Map 7 C3)
Upper West Side

French

Aix (p51) $$$
2398 Broadway (Map 9 B5)
Upper West Side

Balthazar (p25) $$
80 Spring Street (Map 3 D5)
Downtown/SoHo

Chanterelle (p38) $$$
2 Harrison Street (Map 1 C1)
www.chanterellenyc.com
Downtown/Tribeca

L'Ecole (p26) $
462 Broadway (Map 3 D5)
Downtown/SoHo

The Elephant (p27) $$
58 East 1st Street (Map 4 F4)
Downtown/East Village

LouLou (p53) $$
222 DeKalb Avenue (Map 13 C3)
Brooklyn/Fort Greene

Mercer Kitchen (p25) $$
99 Prince Street (Map 3 D4)
Downtown/SoHo

Pastis (p161)
9 9th Avenue (Map 3 A2)
212 929 4844
www.pastisny.com
Downtown/Meatpacking District

Le Tableau (p29) $$
511 East 5th Street (Map 4 F3)
Downtown/East Village

Tartine (p38) $
253 West 11th Street
(Map 3 B2)
Downtown/West Village

Greek

Pylos (p30) $$
128 East 7th Street (Map 4 F3)
Downtown/East Village

Symposium (p51) $$
544 West 113th Street
(Map 11 B5)
Above Central Park/Columbia University

Ice Cream Parlors

Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory (p164) $
Fulton Ferry Landing
(Map 13 A4)
Brooklyn/Brooklyn Heights

Chinatown Ice Cream Factory (p160) $
65 Bayard Street (Map 2 E1)
Downtown/Chinatown

Cones (p36) $
272 Bleecker Street (3 C3)
Downtown/West Village

Indian

Tabla (p40) $$$
11 Madison Avenue (Map 6 E5)
Midtown/Flatiron

Tamarind (p41) $$
41-43 East 22nd Street
(Map 6 F5)
Midtown/Flatiron

International

Biltmore Room (p40) $$$
290 8th Avenue (Map 5 C5)
Midtown/Chelsea

Red Cat (p39) $$
227 10th Avenue (Map 5 B5)
Midtown/Chelsea

The River Café (p52) $$$
1 Water Street (Map 13 A3)
Brooklyn/Brooklyn Heights

Town (p46) $$$
Chambers Hotel, 15 West 56th
Street (Map 8 E5)
Midtown/Theater District

Italian

Acappella (p24) $$$
1 Hudson Street
(Map 1 C2)
Downtown/Tribeca

Acqua Pazza (p45) $$$
36 West 52nd Street
(Map 8 E5)
Midtown/Theater District

Restaurants

Italian *continued*

Al Di La (p53) $$
248 5th Avenue (Map 13 C4)
Brooklyn/Park Slope

Babbo (p34) $$$
110 Waverly Place (Map 3 C3)
Downtown/West Village

Bamonte's (p55) $$
32 Withers Street (Map 13 C1)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Convivium Osteria (p53) $$
68 5th Avenue (Map 13 C4)
Brooklyn/Park Slope

'inoteca (p28) $$
98 Rivington Street (Map 4 F4)
Downtown/Lower East Side

i Trulli (p42) $$$
122 East 27th Street
(Map 6 F4)
Midtown/Gramercy

Mezzaluna (p47) $$
1295 3rd Avenue (Map 8 F2)
Upper East Side

Noodle Pudding (p51) $$
38 Henry Street (Map 13 A3)
Brooklyn/Brooklyn Heights

Otto Enoteca and Pizzeria (p34) $$
1 5th Avenue (Map 3 D3)
Downtown/West Village

Pepe Rosso's (p36)
149 Sullivan Street
(Map 3 C4)
Downtown/West Village

Via Quadronno (p31)
25 East 73rd Street (Map 8 F2)
www.viaquadronno.com
Upper East Side

Japanese

Blue Ribbon Sushi (p33) $$
119 Sullivan Street
(Map 3 C4)
Downtown/SoHo

Cube 63 (p28) $$
63 Clinton Street
(Map 4 G4)
Downtown/Lower East Side

Geisha (p46) $$$
33 East 61st Street (Map 8 E4)
Upper East Side

Genki Sushi (p44) $
9 East 46th Street (Map 6 E1)
Midtown/Theater District

Nobu (p38) $$$
105 Hudson Street (Map 1 C2)
212 219 0500
www.myriadrestaurant
group.com
Downtown/Tribeca

Sobaya (p32) $/$$
229 East 9th Street (Map 4 E2)
Downtown/East Village

Sumile (p38) $$$
154 West 13th Street (Map 3 C2)
Downtown/West Village

Sushi of Gari (p49) $$$
402 East 78th Street (Map 8 G1)
Upper East Side

Tomoe Sushi (p33) $$
172 Thompson Street (Map 3 C4)
Downtown/SoHo

Korean

Cho Dang Gol (p43) $
55 West 35th Street (Map 6 E3)
Midtown/Murray Hill

Mandoo Bar (p42) $
2 West 32nd Street (Map 6 E4)
Midtown/Flatiron

Mexican

Dos Caminos (p41) $$
373 Park Ave. South (Map 6 F5)
Midtown/Gramercy

Itzocan Café (p162)
438 East 9th Street (Map 4 F2)
Downtown/East Village

Mi Nidito (p43) $$
852 8th Avenue (Map 5 C1)
Midtown/Theater District

La Palapa Rockola (p34) $$
359 6th Avenue (Map 3 C3)
Downtown/West Village

Middle Eastern

Mamoun's (p36)
119 MacDougal St. (Map 3 C3)
Downtown/West Village

Yaffa Cafe (p30) $
97 St. Mark's Place (Map 4 F3)
Downtown/East Village

North African

Cafe Gitane (p27) $
242 Mott Street (Map 4 E4)
Downtown/Nolita

Le Souk (p29) $$
47 Avenue B (Map 4 G3)
Downtown/East Village

Pizzerias

Anna Maria's (p165) $
179 Bedford Avenue
718 559 4550 (Map 13 C2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

DiFara Pizzeria (p54) $
1424 Avenue J
Brooklyn/Midwood

Joe's Pizza (p19) $
233 Bleecker Street
212 366 1182 (Map 3 C4)
Downtown/West Village

John's of Bleecker Street (p35) $
278 Bleecker Street
(Map 3 C3)
Downtown/West Village

Polish

S & B Polish Restaurant (p165)
194 Bedford Avenue
718 963 1536 (Map 13 C2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Theresa's (p164)
80 Montague Street
718 797 3996 (Map 13 A4)
Brooklyn/Brooklyn Heights

Seafood

Atlantic Grill (p48) $$
1341 3rd Avenue (Map 8 F1)
Upper East Side

Mary's Fish Camp (p37) $$
64 Charles Street
(Map 3 B3)
Downtown/West Village

Mermaid Inn (p31) $$
96 2nd Avenue
(Map 4 E3)
Downtown/East Village

South African

i-Shebeen Madiba (p54) $$
195 DeKalb Avenue (Map 13 C3)
Brooklyn/Fort Greene

South American

Churrascaria Plataforma (p44) $$$
316 West 49th Street (Map 5 C1)
Midtown/Theater District

Spanish

Bolo (p40) $$$
23 East 22nd Street
(Map 6 E5)
Midtown/Flatiron

Swedish

Aquavit (p45) $$$
65 East 55th Street
(Map 8 F5)
Midtown/Theater District

Tea Rooms

See also Bakeries, Cafés, and Delis

Lady Mendl's Tea Room (p31)
56 Irving Place
(Map 4 E1)
www.innatirving.com
Midtown/Gramercy

Palm Court Tea Room (p31)
Plaza Hotel, 768 5th Avenue
(Map 8 E4)
Midtown/Theater District

Rotunda at the Pierre (p174)
The Pierre Hotel, 2 East 61st Street (Map 8 E4)
Upper East Side

Tea & Sympathy (p31)
108 Greenwich Avenue
(Map 3 C2)
www.teaandsympathy
newyork.com
Downtown/West Village

Teany (p70)
90 Rivington Street
(Map 4 F4)
Downtown/Lower East Side

Wild Lily Tea Room (p171)
511-a West 22nd Street
(Map 5 B5)
Midtown/Chelsea

Thai

The Elephant (p27) $$
58 East 1st Street
(Map 4 F4)
Downtown/East Village

Joya (p52) $
215 Court Street
(Map 13 B4)
Brooklyn/Carroll Gardens

Planet Thailand (p55) $
133 North 7th Street
(Map 13 B2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Turkish

Bereket (p27) $
187 East Houston Street
(Map 4 F4)
Downtown/Lower East Side

Pasha (p50) $$
70 West 71st Street
(Map 7 C2
Upper West Side

Ukrainian

Veselka (p19) $
144 2nd Avenue
(Map 4 E2)
Downtown/East Village

Vegetarian

Angelica Kitchen (p32) $
300 East 12th Street
(Map 4 E2)
Downtown/East Village

Bliss Café (p165)
191 Bedford Avenue
718 599 2547 (Map 13 C2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Candle 79 (p48) $$
154 East 79th Street
(Map 8 F1)
Upper East Side

NY Dosas (p37) $
West 4th Street & Sullivan
Street (Map 3 C3)
Downtown/West Village

Vietnamese

Bao (p29) $
111 Avenue C (Map 4 G3)
Downtown/East Village

Shopping

Books

Heights Books (p164)
109 Montague Street
(Map 13 A4)
Brooklyn/Brooklyn Heights

Spoonbill & Sugartown Booksellers (pp88, 165)
218 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 B2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

The Strand (p77)
828 Broadway (Map 3 D2)
Downtown/East Village

Department Stores

Barney's New York (p82)
660 Madison Avenue
(Map 8 E4)
Upper East Side

Bergdorf Goodman (p81)
754 5th Avenue (Map 8 E4)
Midtown/Theater District

Bloomingdale's (p76)
1000 3rd Avenue (Map 8 F4)
212 705 2000
www.bloomingdales.com
Upper East Side

Henri Bendel (p76)
712 5th Avenue at 56th Street
(Map 8 E5)
212 247 1100
Midtown/Theater District

Jeffrey (pp74 & 161)
449 West 14th Street (Map 3 A2)
Downtown/Meatpacking District

Macy's (p76)
151 West 34th Street
(Map 5 D3)
www.macys.com
Midtown/Chelsea

Pearl River Mart (p61)
477 Broadway (Map 3 D5)
Downtown/SoHo

Saks 5th Avenue (p76)
611 5th Avenue
(Map 6 E1)
212 753 4000
www.saksfifthavenue.com
Midtown/Flatiron

Takashimaya (p79)
693 5th Avenue (Map 8 E5)
Midtown/Theater District

Fashion

Alexander McQueen (p161)
417 West 14th Street
(Map 3 A2)
www.alexandermcqueen.com
Downtown/Meatpacking District

Banana Republic (p70)
1136 Madison Avenue between 84th & 85th Streets (Map 10 E5)
212 570 2465
www.bananarepublic.com
Upper East Side/Yorkville

Barney's CO-OP (p62)
116 Wooster Street (Map 3 D4)
Downtown/SoHo

Brooklyn Industries (p165)
162 Bedford Ave. (Map 13 C2)
www.brooklynindustries.com
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Butter (p87)
407 Atlantic Avenue (Map 13 B4)
Brooklyn/Boerum Hill

Calypso (p67)
280 Mott Street (Map 4 E4)
Downtown/Nolita

Century 21 (p60)
22 Cortlandt Street (Map 1 D3)
Downtown/Lower Manhattan

Costume National (p63)
108 Wooster Street (Map 3 D4)
Downtown/SoHo

Diane B (p83)
1414 3rd Avenue (Map 8 F2)
Upper East Side

Gap (p70)
60 West 34th Street
(Map 5 D3)
212 760 1268
www.gap.com
Midtown/Chelsea

Helmut Lang (p62)
80 Greene Street (Map 3 D5)
Downtown/SoHo

Hotel Venus by Patricia Field (p60)
382 West Broadway (Map 3 D5)
Downtown/SoHo

INA (p67)
21 Prince Street (Map 4 E4)
Downtown/Little Italy

Intermix (p84)
210 Columbus Avenue
(Map 7 C3)
Upper West Side

Isa (p89)
88 North 6th Street (Map 13 B2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

J. Crew (p70)
347 Madison Ave. (Map 6 E3)
212 949 0570
www.jcrew.com
Midtown/Theater District

Keiko (p61)
62 Greene Street (Map 3 D5)
Downtown/SoHo

Kirna Zabete (p63)
96 Greene Street (Map 3 D4)
Downtown/SoHo

Marc by Marc Jacobs (p72)
403–405 Bleecker Street
(Map 3 B4)
Downtown/West Village

Marc Jacobs (p64)
163 Mercer Street
(Map 3 D4)
Downtown/West Village

Mayle (p68)
242 Elizabeth Street
(Map 4 E4)
Downtown/Little Italy

Metaphors (p165)
195 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 C2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Mini Minimarket (p88)
218 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 B2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Miu Miu (p63)
100 Prince Street (Map 3 D4)
Downtown/SoHo

Prada (p64)
575 Broadway (Map 3 D4)
Downtown/SoHo

Sahil Sari Palace (p167)
37–55 74th Street
Queens/Jackson Heights

Shopping

Fashion *continued*

Scoop (p65)
532 Broadway (Map 3 D4)
Downtown/SoHo

Searle (p84)
1124 Madison Avenue
(Map 10 E5)
Upper East Side

Shop (p70)
105 Stanton Street (Map 4 F4)
Downtown/Lower East Side

Spacial (p89)
199 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 B2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Stella McCartney (p73)
429 West 14th Street (Map 3 A2)
Downtown/Meatpacking District

TG-170 (p69)
170 Ludlow Street (Map 4 F4)
Downtown/Lower East Side

Urban Outfitters (p70)
2081 Broadway at 72nd Street
(Map 7 B2)
212 579 3912
www.urbanoutfitters.com
Upper West Side

Xukuma (p86)
183 Lenox Avenue (11 D4)
Above Central Park/Harlem

Food

Bedford Cheese Shop (p165)
218 Bedford Avenue
718 599 7588 (Map 13 C2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Bonsignour (p72)
35 Jane Street (Map 3 B2)
Downtown/Meatpacking District

Borgatti's Ravioli & Noodle Company (p167)
632 East 187th Street
The Bronx

Brooklyn Lager Brewery (p165)
79 North 11th St. (Map 13 C2)
www.brooklynbrewery.com
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Dean & DeLuca (pp13, 65)
560 Broadway (Map 3 D4)
Downtown/SoHo

Dylan's Candy Bar (p82)
1011 3rd Avenue (Map 8 F4)
Upper East Side

Egidio Pastry Shop (p167)
622 East 18th Street
The Bronx

Magnolia Bakery (p71)
401 Bleeker Street (Map 3 B3)
Downtown/West Village

M & I International Food Market (p166)
249 Brighton Beach Avenue
Brooklyn/Coney Island

Patel Brothers Market (p167)
27–37 74th Street
Queens/Jackson Heights

Teany (p70)
90 Rivington Street (Map 4 F4)
Downtown/Lower East Side

Zabar's (p85)
2245 Broadway (Map 7 B1)
Upper West Side

Health & Beauty

Carapan Urban Spa and Store (p75)
5 West 16th Street (Map 3 C1)
Midtown/Flatiron

Clyde's (p83)
926 Madison Avenue
(Map 8 E2)
Upper East Side

Fresh (p71)
388 Bleecker Street (Map 3 B3)
Downtown/West Village

Kiehl's (p77)
109 3rd Avenue (Map 4 E2)
Downtown/East Village

LAFCO (p69)
285 Lafayette Street (Map 4 E4)
Downtown/Nolita

Rescue Nail Spa (p66)
21 Cleveland Place (Map 4 E5)
Downtown/Little Italy

SCO (p67)
584 Broadway (Map 3 D4)
Downtown/SoHo

Interiors

ABC Carpet and Home (p75)
888 Broadway (Map 3 D1)
Midtown/Gramercy

ABH Designs (p84)
401 East 76th Street (Map 8 H1)
Upper East Side

The Apartment (p66)
101 Crosby Street (Map 3 D4)
Downtown/Little Italy

Astroturf (p91)
290 Smith Street (Map 13 B4)
Brooklyn/Boerum Hill

Bark (p87)
495 Atlantic Avenue (Map 13 B4)
Brooklyn/Boerum Hill

La Cafetiere (p74)
160 Ninth Avenue (Map 3 A1)
Midtown/Chelsea

Clio (p63)
92 Thompson Street (Map 3 C4)
Downtown/SoHo

Demolition Depot (p86)
216 East 125th Street
(Map 12 G3)
Above Central Park/Harlem

Felissimo (p80)
10 West 56th Street (Map 8 E5)
Midtown/Theater District

Hable Construction (p68)
230 Elizabeth Street (Map 4 E4)
Downtown/Little Italy

Karkula Gallery (p161)
68 Gansevoort St. (Map 3 A2)
www.karkula.com
Downtown/Meatpacking District

Loom (p87)
115 7th Avenue (Map 13 C4)
Brooklyn/Park Slope

Moon River Chattel (p91)
62 Grand Street (Map 13 B2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Moss (p64)
146 Greene Street (Map 3 D4)
Downtown/SoHo

MXYPLYZYK (p73)
125 Greenwich Avenue
(Map 3 B2)
Downtown/Meatpacking District

Nest (p88)
396A 7th Avenue (Map 13 C5)
Brooklyn/Park Slope

Spacial (p89)
199 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 B2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Two Jakes (p91)
320 Wythe Avenue (Map 13 B2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Vitra (p161)
29 9th Avenue (Map 3 A2)
www.vitra.com
Downtown/Meatpacking District

Xukuma (p86)
183 Lenox Avenue (11 D4)
Above Central Park/Harlem

Lingerie

Bra Smyth (p82)
905 Madison Avenue
(Map 8 E2)
Upper East Side

Le Corset by Selima (p62)
80 Thompson Street (Map 3 C5)
Downtown/SoHo

La Perla (p82)
803 Madison Avenue
(Map 8 E3)
Upper East Side

Markets

Chelsea Flea Market (p162)
24th Street & 6th Avenue
(Map 5 D5)
Midtown/Chelsea

Green Market (p160)
Bowling Green (Map 1 D4)
Downtown/Lower Manhattan

Union Square Green Market (p162)
Union Square (Map 3 D1)
Midtown/Gramercy

Music

Earwax (p90)
218 Bedford Avenue
(Map 13 B2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Fat Beats (p71)
406 6th Avenue (Map 3 C2)
Downtown/West Village

Jazz Record Center (p78)
236 West 26th Street,
8th Floor (Map 5 C5)
Midtown/Chelsea

St. Mark's Sounds (p78)
16 St. Mark's Place (Map 4 E3)
Downtown/East Village

Subterranean Records (p71)
5 Cornelia Street (Map 3 C3)
Downtown/West Village

Shoes & Accessories

ALife Rivington Club (p69)
158 Rivington Street (Map 4 G4)
Downtown/Lower East Side

Bond 07 By Selima (p68)
7 Bond Street (Map 3 D3)
Downtown/Nolita

Christian Louboutin (p83)
941 Madison Avenue (Map 8 E2)
Upper East Side

Flight 001 (p72)
96 Greenwich Ave. (Map 3 B2)
Downtown/West Village

Jimmy Choo (p78)
645 5th Avenue (Map 8 E5)
Midtown/Theater District

Kate Spade Travel (p60)
59 Thompson Street (Map 3 C5)
Downtown/SoHo

Liliblue (p83)
955 Madison Avenue (Map 8 E2)
Upper East Side

Manolo Blahnik (p78)
31 West 54th Street (Map 8 E5)
Midtown/Theater District

Niketown (p80)
6 East 57th Street (Map 8 E5)
Midtown/Theater District

Rafe (p68)
1 Bleecker Street (Map 4 E4)
Downtown/Nolita

Sporting Goods

Blades Board & Skate (p84)
120 West 72nd St. (Map 7 B2)
Upper West Side

Paragon Sporting Goods (p76)
867 Broadway (Map 3 D1)
Midtown/Gramercy

Super Runners (p85)
360 Amsterdam Avenue
(Map 7 B1)
Upper West Side

Stationery

Kate's Paperie (p66)
561 Broadway (Map 3 D4)
Downtown/SoHo

Thrift Stores

Beacon's Closet (p89)
88 North 11th Street
(Map 13 B1)
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Housing Works Thrift Shop (p85)
306 Columbus Avenue
(Map 7 C2)
Upper West Side

Art & Architecture

Art Galleries

Asia Society (p103)
725 Park Avenue at 70th Street
(Map 8 F2)
Upper East Side

Deitch Projects (p96)
18 Wooster Street
(Map 3 D5)
212 941 9475
Downtown/SoHo

Forbes Magazine Gallery (p98)
60 5th Avenue at West 12th
Street (Map 3 D2)
Downtown/West Village

Gagosian (p96)
555 West 24th Street
(Map 5 B5)
www.gagosian.com
Midtown/Chelsea

International Center of Photography (p100)
1133 Avenue of the Americas
(Map 5 D2)
Midtown/Theater District

Leo Koenig (p96)
249 Centre Street (Map 2 E2)
212 334 9255
Downtown/Chinatown

Mary Boone (p96)
541 West 24th Street
(Map 5 B5)
www.maryboone.com
Midtown/Chelsea

Momenta Art (p108)
72 Berry Street
(Map 13 B1)
www.momentaart.org
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Noguchi Sculpture Museum (p177)
32–37 Vernon Boulevard
Queens/Long Island City

Pace Wildenstein (p96)
534 West 25th Street
(Map 5 B5)
www.pacewildenstein.com
Midtown/Chelsea

Pierogi 2000 (p108)
177 North 9th Street
(Map 13 B1)
www.pierogi2000.com
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

P.S.1 (p109)
22–5 Jackson Avenue
www.ps1.org
Queens

Williamsburg Art & Historical Center (p108)
135 Broadway at Bedford
Avenue (Map 13 B2)
718 486 7372
www.wahcenter.org
Brooklyn/lWilliamsburg

Historic Buildings

Block Beautiful (p98)
East 19th Street, between
Irving Place & 3rd Avenue
(Map 4 E1)
Midtown/Gramercy

Federal Hall (p160)
26 Wall Street (Map 1 D4)
Downtown/Lower Manhattan

Jefferson Market Courthouse (p98)
425 6th Avenue
(Map 3 C2)
Downtown/West Village

Prospect Park West (p107)
between Union & 15th Streets
(Map 13 C5)
Brooklyn/Park Slope

U.S. Custom House (p94)
1 Bowling Green
(Map 1 D5)
Downtown/Lower Manhattan

Woolworth Building (p96)
233 Broadway at Barclay Street
(Map 1 D2)
Downtown/Lower Manhattan

Installations

Broken Kilometer (p96)
393 West Broadway
(Map 3 D5)
Downtown/SoHo

Earth Room (p96)
141 Wooster Street
(Map 3 D4)
Downtown/SoHo

Modern Architecture

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Chanin Building (p99)
122 East 42nd Street at
Lexington Avenue
(Map 6 F2)
Midtown/Murray Hill

Chrysler Building (p99)
405 Lexington Avenue
(Map 6 F2)
Midtown/Murray Hill

Daily News Building (p99)
220 East 42nd Street
(Map 6 G2)
Midtown/Murray Hill

General Electric Building (p99)
570 Lexington Avenue at 51st
Street (Map 6 F1)
Midtown/Murray Hill

Ground Zero (p95)
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Downtown/Lower Manhattan

Williamsburg Savings Bank Building (p109)
1 Hanson Place, corner of
Flatbush & Atlantic Avenues
(Map 13 C4)
Brooklyn/Boerum Hill

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Museums

Brooklyn Historical Society (p109)
128 Pierrepont Street
(Map 2 H5)
Brooklyn/Boerum Hill

Brooklyn Museum of Art (p108)
200 Eastern Parkway (13 D4)
Brooklyn/Crown Heights

The Cloisters (p106)
Fort Tryon Park (off map)
Above Central Park/Fort Tryon & Inwood

Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum (p105)
2 East 91st Street
(Map 10 E4)
Upper East Side/Yorkville

Frick Collection (p102)
1 East 70th Street (Map 8 E2)
Upper East Side

Guggenheim Museum (p104)
1071 5th Avenue at 89th Street
(Map 10 E4)
Upper East Side/Yorkville

The Jewish Museum (p105)
1109 5th Avenue at 92nd Street (Map 10 E4)
Upper East Side/Yorkville

Lower East Side Tenement Museum (p97)
90 Orchard Street
(Map 4 F5)
Downtown/Lower East Side

Merchant's House Museum (p97)
29 East 4th Street (Map 4 E3)
Downtown/Nolita

Metropolitan Museum of Art (p103)
1000 5th Avenue (Map 8 E1)
Upper East Side

El Museo del Barrio (p107)
1230 5th Avenue at 104th Street (Map 10 E2)
Upper East Side/Spanish Harlem

Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology (p98)
7th Avenue at 27th Street
(Map 5 D4)
Midtown/Chelsea

Museum of Chinese in the Americas (p160)
70 Mulberry Street, 2nd Floor
(Map 2 E1)
212 619 4785
Downtown/Chinatown

Museum of Modern Art (p101)
11 West 53rd Street (Map 8 E5)
Midtown/Theater District

Museum of Television and Radio (p103)
25 West 52nd Street
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Midtown/Theater District

Museum of the City of New York (p105)
1250 5th Avenue at East 103rd Street (Map 10 E2)
Upper East Side

Rose Museum at Carnegie Hall (p100)
154 West 57th Street, 2nd Floor
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Skyscraper Museum (p95)
39 Battery Place (Map 1 D5)
Downtown/Lower Manhattan

Studio Museum in Harlem (p107)
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Whitney Museum of American Art (p101)
945 Madison Avenue
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Upper East Side

Whitney Museum of American Art at Altria (p100)
120 Park Avenue at 42nd Street (Map 6 F2)
Midtown/Murray Hill

Religious Buildings

Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine (p174)
1047 Amsterdam Avenue at 112th Street (Map 9 B1)
Upper West Side

Mahayana Buddhist Temple (p160)
133 Canal Street (Map 2 E1)
Downtown/Chinatown

St. Paul's Chapel (p94)
209 Broadway between Fulton & Vesey Streets
(Map 1 D3)
Downtown/Lower Manhattan

Walking Tours

Big Apple Jazz Tours (p163)
www.bigapplejazz.com
718 606 8442
Above Central Park/Harlem

Harlem Spirituals (p163)
www.harlemspirituals.com
212 391 0900
Above Central Park/Harlem

Radical Walking Tours (p163)
718 492 0069
Above Central Park/Harlem

Performance

Ballrooms

Rainbow Room (p123)
30 Rockefeller Plaza,
65th Floor (Map 6 E1)
Midtown/Theater District

Swing 46 (p123)
349 West 46th Street
(Map 5 C1)
Midtown/Theater District

Cabaret

Don't Tell Mama (p123)
343 West 46th Street
(Map 5 C1)
Midtown/Theater District

Duplex (p116)
61 Christopher Street
(Map 3 B3)
Downtown/West Village

Combined Arts

92nd Street Y (p125)
1395 Lexington Avenue
(Map 10 F4)
Upper East Side/Yorkville

Apollo Theater (p128)
253 West 125th Street
(Map 11 D3)
Above Central Park/Harlem

City Center (p123)
131 West 55th Street (Map 7 D5)
Midtown/Theater District

The Florence Gould Hall (p124)
55 East 59th Street (Map 8 F4)
Upper East Side

The Kitchen (p120)
512 West 19th Street (Map 3 A1)
Midtown/Chelsea

Makor (p127)
35 West 67th Street (Map 7 C3)
Upper West Side

P.S.122 (p120)
150 1st Avenue (Map 4 F2)
Downtown/East Village

Symphony Space (p127)
2537 Broadway (Map 9 B3)
Upper West Side

Comedy

The Comedy Cellar (p115)
117 MacDougal Street
(Map 3 C3)
Downtown/West Village

The Comic Strip (p125)
1568 2nd Avenue
(Map 8 G1)
Upper East Side

Gotham Comedy Club (p121)
34 West 22nd Street
(Map 6 E5)
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236 West 78th Street
(Map 7 B2)
Upper West Side

Upright Citizen's Brigade (p121)
307 West 26th Street (Map 5 C5)
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Concert Halls

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Brooklyn Academy of Music (p129)
30 Lafayette Avenue
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Brooklyn/Fort Greene

Carnegie Hall (p125)
881 7th Avenue at 57th Street
(Map 7 D5)
Midtown/Theater District

Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts (p126)
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Upper West Side

Merkin Concert Hall (p125)
129 West 67th Street
(Map 7 B3)
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New Jersey Performing Arts Center (p131)
One Center Street
New Jersey/Newark

Dance

The Joyce Theater (p120)
175 8th Avenue (Map 3 B1)
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Film Theaters

Film Forum (p114)
209 West Houston Street
(Map 3 C4)
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Landmark's Sunshine Theater (p118)
143 East Houston Street
(Map 4 F4)
Downtown/East Village

Jazz & Blues

55 Bar (p116)
55 Christopher Street
(Map 3 C3)
Downtown/West Village

B.B. King Blues Club (p122)
237 West 42nd Street
(Map 5 C2)
Midtown/Theater District

Blue Note (p115)
131 West 3rd Street
(Map 3 C3)
Downtown/West Village

Lenox Lounge (p129)
288 Lenox Avenue between 124th & 125th Streets
(Map 11 D3)
Above Central Park/Harlem

Smoke (p127)
2751 Broadway (Map 9 B2)
Upper West Side

Village Vanguard (p116)
178 7th Avenue South
(Map 3 B2)
Downtown/West Village

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CBGB (p118)
315 Bowery (Map 4 E4)
Downtown/East Village

C-Note (p119)
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Downtown/East Village

Galapagos (p157)
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(Map 13 B2)
Brooklyn/Williamsburg

Hammerstein Ballroom (p121)
311 West 34th Street (Map 5 C3)
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37 West 26th Street
(Map 6 E5)
Midtown/Flatiron

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74 Leonard Street (Map 1 D1)
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Mercury Lounge (p116)
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375 3rd Avenue (Map 6 F5)
Midtown/Gramercy

S.O.B.'s (p114)
204 Varick Street (Map 3 C4)
Downtown/SoHo

The Soul Cafe (p122)
444 West 42nd St. (Map 5 B2)
Midtown/Hell's Kitchen

Tonic (p117)
107 Norfolk Street (Map 4 G4)
Downtown/Lower East Side

Warsaw (p130)
261 Driggs Avenue (Map 13 C1)
Brooklyn/Greenpoint

Performing Arts

Brooklyn Academy of Music (p129)
30 Lafayette Avenue
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Straddling Broadway & Amsterdam between 62nd & 66th Streets (Map 7 B3)
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1 Center Street, Newark
New Jersey

Poetry

Bowery Poetry Club (p118)
308 Bowery (Map 4 E4)
Downtown/East Village

Cornelia Street Cafe (p115)
29 Cornelia Street (Map 3 C3)
Downtown/West Village

Nuyorican Poets Cafe (p119)
236 East 3rd Street (Map 4 G3)
Downtown/East Village

Sports Arenas

Giants Stadium (p131)
50 State Route 120,
East Rutherford (special buses from the Port Authority Terminal at 8th Ave. & 41st St.)
www.giants.com
New Jersey

Madison Square Garden (pp17 & 131)
Map 6 E5
Midtown/Flatiron

Shea Stadium (p131)
123 Roosevelt Avenue,
Flushing (7 IRT Flushing Line Subway from Times Sq., 5th Ave., and Grand Central)
www.mets.com
Queens/Flushing Meadows

Yankee Stadium (p131)
161st Street & River Avenue
(4, B, D subway trains from Manhattan), www.yankees.com
The Bronx

Theater

The Public Theater (p119)
425 Lafayette Street (Map 4 E3)
Downtown/Nolita

Roundabout Theatre Company at the American Airlines Theatre (p122)
227 West 42nd Street
(Map 5 D2)
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TV Studios

Ed Sullivan Theater (p124)
1697 Broadway,
at 52nd Street (Map 7 D5)
Midtown/Theater District

NBC Studios (p124)
Between 5th Avenue & 7th Avenue from 47th to 51st Streets (Map 6 E1)
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Blind Tiger Ale House (p147)
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B-Bar & Grill (p143)
40 East 4th Street (Map 4 E3)
Downtown/Nolita

Boat Basin Café (p155)
West 79th St. at Henry Hudson Parkway (Map 7 A1)
Upper West Side

Bungalow 8 (p150)
515 West 27th Street (Map 5 B4)
Midtown/Chelsea

Buttermilk Bar (p156)
577 5th Avenue (Map 13 C5)
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Cabin Club at Pine Tree Lodge (p148)
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15 Vanderbilt Ave., Southwest Balcony, Grand Central Terminal (Map 6 F2)
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Downtown/East Village

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Downtown/West Village

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284 5th Avenue (Map 13 C4)
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Hiro (p150)
366 West 17th Street (Map 3 A1)
Midtown/Chelsea

KGB (p142)
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Korova Milk Bar (p145)
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Downtown/East Village

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Upper West Side

Mica Bar (p148)
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Midtown/Turtle Bay

ñ (p138)
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Nevada Smith's (p142)
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Downtown/East Village

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317 East Houston Street (Map 4 G4)
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Plunge Bar (p155)
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From pedicab to stretch limo, and with bikes, blades, bus, taxi, and train in between, many modes of transportation are available in New York. The city is easy to orient yourself in – a grid of roads covers much of Manhattan, with streets (west–east) and avenues (south–north) numbered in order. Don't bother hiring a car, or you will spend half your time stuck in traffic or looking for a parking space. Use the subway and walk whenever possible.

Arrival

Whether it's your first or hundredth time coming into New York, the approach by air, sea or road should inspire you with glimpses of the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, and a familiar spread of skyscrapers. Once you've arrived at one of the airports or major train or boat terminals, there are various options for getting into the heart of the city.

Note that because of security precautions, left luggage facilities have been suspended in all stations.

John F. Kennedy Airport

Also known simply as JFK (for the former U.S. president), this is the biggest of the three main airports and is used primarily for international and Los Angeles flights. Once through customs, choose either a yellow cab ($45 flat rate to Manhattan plus tolls), express bus, the Air Train, or subway. Don't accept unsolicited taxi rides.

Private car services such as **Carmel** offer competitive pricing that's a little cheaper than yellow cabs, but you need to call them for a pick-up. **Super Shuttle** offers shared van rides. Allow 45–60 minutes for car and express bus services to and from Manhattan.

The AirTrain (**www.panynj.gov/airtrain**) connects the terminals and takes you to Jamaica Station, from where you can take a LIRR (Long Island Rail Road) train to Penn Station. It's also possible to take the Air Train to the Howard Beach subway stop, from where you can take the A train on the subway to midtown (about an hour).

Newark International

Taxis from Newark can be pricey. To save money, take the **Newark Airport Express Bus** or shared **Super Shuttle** van, or the monorail to Newark Penn Station, which connects with New York's Penn Station and the PATH trains. Allow 45–60 minutes.

LaGuardia Airport

If you're heading to the Columbia or the Upper West Side, you can take the M60 bus for a mere metrocard swipe *(see below)*. Otherwise, share a **Super Shuttle** van or take a private car or **New York Airport Bus**. Yellow cabs offer a shared taxi ride option to keep fares lower. Allow 20–40 minutes.

Penn Station

Located close to Madison Garden, between 32nd and 33rd streets and 7th and 8th avenues, this train hub serves New Jersey Transit and Amtrak trains. It also connects with many subway lines.

Grand Central Station

This station serves Metro-North trains and many subway lines. The main entrance is on 42nd Street, between Vanderbilt and Lexington avenues. Even if you don't need to take a train, you should come to view the beautifully refurbished main terminal. Free tours are offered on Wednesdays at 12:30 by the Municipal Arts Society (212 935 3960).

Port Authority

The Port lies between 8th and 9th avenues, from 40th to 42nd streets. It serves numerous bus lines and offers a gateway to all points in the Continental U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

Getting Around

The subway may be crowded in rush hours, but it's usually the fastest mode of transportation. New York is a pedestrian-friendly area too.

Subway Trains & Buses

The **MTA** (Metropolitan Transit Authority) is responsible for the 24-hour system of city buses and subways. The **metrocard** ticket works for both. You can purchase a set amount of rides or unlimited day, week, and month metrocards, which are cost-efficient for frequent trips (prices are listed on the website). Machines take credit cards and cash; note that booth attendants don't accept large bills.

One swipe ($2) allows you to enter the subway system for an unlimited time and distance, often with a free bus transfer. Buses take metrocards or exact change of $2 in coins.

After midnight, trains are less frequent and some express lines run local, making many stops. Keep in mind that nights and weekends are the prime time for track work, so pay attention to announcements on service suspension or re-routing. After midnight, buses stop anywhere on the route upon request, even if it's not an official stop.

Taxis

Yellow cabs are the official New York taxis. The meter starts at $2.50 with $0.40 increments for every 1/5 of a mile, or after 2 minutes if you're stuck in traffic. There's a $1 weekday peak hour surcharge from 4–8pm; the night surcharge (after 8pm) is $0.50.

Taxi drivers have a reputation for being reckless or rude, but most are friendly. The white light in the middle of the sign on top of the car signals that it's ready for hire; if the whole sign is lit, then it's off duty. Most yellow cabs are limited to four passengers.

Other Options

It's pricier than a cab, but the human-powered pedicab is fun and can often dodge through traffic jams. Some drivers are also licensed tour guides.

PATH trains connect the 33rd Street and 6th Avenue, and World Trade Center stops with Hoboken, Jersey City and Newark for $1.50 – useful for getting to the NJPAC *(see p131)*.

Ferry services operate around the Manhattan coast and offer crossings to New Jersey. Special summer services on **New York Waterway** also connect downtown piers with a super beach at Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

New York has a network of scenic cycle paths, the best of which stick to the periphery of Manhattan or park-land in the outer boroughs. Cycles can be rented from Metro Bicycles (**www.metrobicycles.com**) and A Bicycle Shop (212 691 6149) (**www.a-bicycleshop.com**).

Tours

Big Apple Greeters are trained volunteers giving free, personalized walking tours of neighborhoods. Guides are also trained to give tours to the disabled (212 669 8159; **www.bigapplegreeter.org**).

By water, Circle Line (212 563 3200; **www.circleline42.com**) offers tours circumnavigating Manhattan, or shorter ones sailing in the Harbor or just up the Hudson or East rivers.

Helicopters

Besides getting you to the airport or the Hamptons, helicopters are a fun way to get a bird's eye view of the city. Various tour themes and lengths are available from **Liberty Helicopter**.

Walking & Eco Tours

Notable walking tours include Big Onion (**www.bigonion.com**) and I'll Take Manhattan Tours (732 270 5559; **www.newyorkcitywalks.com**). New York City Audubon (**www.nycas.org**) has a naturalist slant, offering tours of the parks or out on the water. You can also paddle a kayak in the Hudson for free at the Downtown Boathouse (**www.downtownboathouse.org**). In Harlem, there are three excellent cultural tours *(see p226)*.

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Amtrak Rail
800 USA RAIL; www.amtrak.com

Carmel Car Service
212 666 6666
www.carmelcarservice.com

Grand Central Station
www.grandcentralterminal.com

Greyhound Bus
800 231 2222
www.greyhound.com

JFK Airport
718 244 4444
www.kennedyairport.com

LaGuardia
www.laguardiaairport.com

Liberty Helicopter
212 967 6464
www.libertyhelicopters.com

MTA
Subway/Bus/LIRR/Metro-North info
www.mta.nyc.ny.us

Newark Airport Express Bus
www.olympiabus.com

Newark International
973 961 6000
www.newarkairport.com

New Jersey Transit
800 772 2222; www.njtransit.com

New York Airport Bus Service
www.nyairportservice.com

New York Waterway
800 53 FERRY

NY/NJ Port Authority
For airports, bridges, tunnels, bus and train stations
212 435 7000
www.panynj.gov

PATH
800 234 7284

Super Shuttle
212 BLUE VAN
www.supershuttle.com

Whether you need to find a decent public restroom, an accessible subway stop or a WiFi hotspot for your laptop, knowing the basics in any new place is useful. While this section offers practical help with some basic questions, remember that in spite of an alleged gruff exterior, New Yorkers are generally happy to offer guidance to the uninitiated. The key to getting information from a native is not to be shy and to ask for what you need directly.

Disabled Organizations

Since September 2002, the City of New York has committed to ensure that all 158,738 street corners are ramped for wheelchair accessibility. Work isn't fully completed yet, but many corners have been tackled.

Most MTA buses are equipped with lifts for wheelchairs, but only a select few subway stations are accessible. Reduced fare options are available for public transportation.

For subway maps in Braille call 718 330 3322. Hands On! is an organization providing sign language interpretation for films, theater productions, and museum exhibits. Hospital Audiences, Inc. offers an audio service for blind theatergoers and museum visitors.

- **Hands On!**
212 740 3087; TTY use relay 711

- **Hospital Audiences, Inc.**
888 424 4685; TTY 212 575 7673

Emergencies and Health

There are several good **emergency rooms** *(see Directory)*. You can also find details of all types of New York hospitals at **www.citidex.com**. The site lists walk-in centers, which are good for less urgent ailments. All of the 24/7 pharmacies belong to one of the three big chains: **CVS**, Rite-Aid, and Duane Reade. Remember that health insurance is essential.

Gay and Lesbian Travelers

A great place for up-to-date information is **The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center**. This is open daily from 9am–11pm and welcomes drop-in visitors. *The New York Times* has been recognizing same-sex unions in its Sunday "Society" pages since 2002.

Listings/What's On

Time Out New York is an informative weekly, with a bias towards Manhattan. The bi-weekly, free *L* magazine (**www.thelmagazine.com**) focuses on events in Brooklyn and below 23rd Street in Manhattan; it can be found in the orange boxes on the streets, usually near another good freebie, the *Village Voice* (**www.villagevoice.com**). The *New York Magazine* features more mainstream events. The Friday *Weekend Guide* section to *The New York Times* (**www.nytimes.com**) highlights cultural events.

Opening Hours

Most **shops** are open by 9am, and regular closing time is 5–6pm, and later on Thursday. Many shops are open daily, including Sundays and holidays. However, some establishments choose to close on Mondays for a break. The same goes for most sightseeing attractions – including **galleries** and **museums**.

Hip clothing stores and record shops downtown tend to stay open until at least 8pm on a regular basis. Record shops may be open until midnight or even 1am. Some shops with late closing hours may open at 11am. **Restaurants** billed as "late-night" usually serve until 1 or 2am; standard serving hours are until 10:30–11pm. **Bars** tend to close between midnight and 1am during the week, staying open until around 3 or 4am on Friday and Saturday nights.

Money

A credit card (or two or three) is essential in New York, especially for booking a hotel room or if you want to hire a car. Visa, MasterCard, Amex, and Diners Club are accepted by the majority of businesses. Traveler's checks are also widely used. Indeed, many businesses accept payment in traveler's checks instead of cash, but the checks must be in denominations of U.S. dollars. Traveler's checks in U.S. dollars can be exchanged for cash at most banks in New York, but other currencies are difficult to exchange.

Before traveling, check with your bank to see if you can use your debit card in the U.S. In many New York stores, you will be asked to key in your debit card PIN rather than sign your name. This isn't the case in restaurants, however.

Phones and Communications

Check coverage with your cellphone provider before traveling, or hire a phone. Note that U.S. companies charge you to make and receive calls.

Verizon payphones on the streets charge 50 cents for an unlimited time on any local call. Some public phones charge only a quarter for a local call, but time is limited. Note that you must dial the full code 1 212 for any number within the 212 area code.

There are many Internet cafés. If you have a wireless laptop, then look for the free WiFi hotspots. Starbucks coffee shops have WiFi, but you pay for the T-Mobile connection. Free wireless connectivity can be found in Bryant Park and many of the small parks found downtown, including City Hall and Bowling Green Park. Check **www.wifihotspotlist.com/ny/html** for updates of new areas. Many libraries have free Internet connectivity too.

Sales Tax

A sales tax of 8.625% is added to most things that you purchase, including to restaurant and bar bills.

Security & ID

Since 9/11/01, more attention is paid to security in public areas. Unattended bags and packages are treated with suspicion and removed.

Stay aware of who is around you when you're gazing up at skyscrapers (a dead giveaway that you're a tourist).

Take some form of photo ID if you plan to go bar- or club- hopping (the minimum age allowed is 21). Even if you're sporting a walker and grey hair, many nightclub bouncers won't let you in without ID.

Tipping

The general rule of thumb is that you tip **restaurant serving staff** 15%–20% of the bill. (Salaries in the industry are very low, so most staff really do rely on tips). If you're mathematically challenged, then double the listed tax which will give a 17.25% tip. **Beauticians** and **taxi drivers** should receive a 15–20% tip, although many people offer drivers just over 10%. **Bartenders** usually receive $1–3 per round. For hotel **room service**, offer a 15% tip, unless a service fee is included in the bill; hotel **porters** get $1–2 per bag.

Tourist Information

The New York Convention & Visitors Bureau operates a visitor information center on Seventh Avenue and updates the official NYC tourist web site. Also try **www.ny.com** and **www.visitnewyork.com**. Many locals use **www.newyorkmetro.com** to find things to do, eat, and buy. For up-to-date local news, weather and information, try **www.ny1.com**.

Washroom Facilities

There's a noted lack of public facilities in New York, which results in many a crossed leg. Natives are known to dash into hotel lobbies or a local Starbucks to find the nearest "rest" facilities. To work out where the good public washrooms are before you venture out, check **www.thebathroomdiaries.com**.

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24/7 Pharmacies
CVS 1396 2nd Ave. at 71st St. (& other locations)
212 249 5699
www.cvs.com

Duane Reade
224 West 57th St. (& other locations)
212 541 9708
www.duanereade.com

Cellphone Rental
212 832 7143
www.roberts-rent-a-phone.com

Crime Victims Hotline
212 577 7777

Directory Enquiries
Dial 1 (area code) 411
or 1 (area code) 555 1212

Doctors on Call
212 737 2333 (24/7 service)

Emergencies
911

Emergency Rooms
St. Vincent's Hospital
West 11th Street at 7th Avenue
212 604 7998

Bellevue Hospital Center
462 First Avenue at 27th Street
263 7300

Urgent Care Center NY Hospital
525 East 68th Street
212 746 0795

Government Info & Services
311 (non-emergencies)

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center
208 West 13th Street,
212 620 7310
www.gaycenter.org

National Organization on Disability
www.nod.org

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810 7th Ave. between 52nd & 53rd Sts
212 484 1200 www.nycvisit.com

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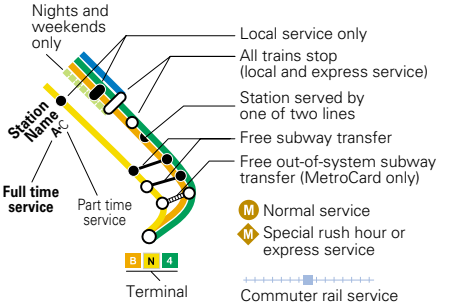

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